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NEW DESERT WAR LOOMS

General Wavell Prepares To Meet Germans In Libya

Belgrade
Asks
U.S. Aid

Yugoslavia has requested the United States to supply her with "certain types" of war material.

This fact was revealed yesterday by President Roosevelt at his press conference in Washington.

He stated the request was made when he conferred with the Yugoslav Minister on Thursday. The United States is now endeavouring to ascertain whether the material required can be obtained.

Credits To Be Eased

"Frozen" Yugoslav credits in the United States will be eased in amounts sufficient to meet Yugoslavia's needs, stated Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, yesterday.

Mr. Hull spoke approvingly of the unity of the new Yugoslav Government, and said that the acceptance by Dr. Matchek of the Vice-Premiership was an expression of cooperation and unity by the Yugoslavs for their own unity and independence.—Reuter.

WAVELL
TO GET
U.S. HELP?

The possibility of 100 American freighters being assigned to the task of carrying American supplies to British bases in Egypt, in order to help the British war effort in the Mediterranean and the Balkans, is being discussed in Washington.

The possibility arises from President Roosevelt's indication yesterday of his intention to allow American ships to enter the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

The Maritime Commission controls over 100 ships which presumably might be used for this work.—Reuter.

CABINET
CHANGES
IN SYRIA

FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF KHALEB BEY ALEM AS HEAD OF THE NEW SYRIAN GOVERNMENT, EMILE EDDE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, AND M. BAYHUME, SECRETARY OF STATE, HAVE RESIGNED, SAYS A BEIRUT MESSAGE TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The message adds that General Arrippe will temporarily take over the offices of both the President and Secretary of State.—Reuter.

R.A.F. DAY
SWOOP ON
NAZI BASES

Thirty landing grounds and aerodrome buildings and aircraft on the ground were machine-gunned in the course of offensive patrols carried out by R.A.F. fighters over northern France and Belgium yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

The communique adds that one British fighter is missing.—Reuter.

LABOUR
BOARD FOR
HONG KONG

FORMATION OF A TRANSPORT AND LABOUR CONTROL BOARD, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR IN MATTERS CONCERNING TRANSPORT AND LABOUR, IS ANNOUNCED IN THE "GAZETTE."

Composition of the Board is as follows:
Brigadier Andrew Peffers, O.B.E., Chairman,
The Controller of Water Transport,

Mr. B. A. K. Hawkins,
Mr. J. White,
Mr. Charles Manners, O.B.E.,
Mr. Maxwell Gordon Gill.

Strategic
Benghazi
Withdrawal

"THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST CAUSE FOR ANXIETY," SAID THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON THE EVACUATION BY THE BRITISH FORCES OF BENGHAZI.

He continued: "Let the Germans come as far as they like. We are choosing our own battlefields. Desert warfare is unlike any other land operations and can only be compared with sea warfare."

"At sea it doesn't matter where a battle is fought—it can be fought at one's front door. And it would not matter in the slightest if the enemy advanced across many miles of sea to get there as long as he suffers casualties."

"So the object of war in worthless desert wastes is to punish the enemy by inflicting the greatest possible damage to his men and material, with the ultimate object of defeating him."

"It would have suited us better and caused us less trouble if we had been able to defeat the Italian army on the Egyptian frontier, instead of trekking to Benghazi."

"Cyrenaica, if anything, is a liability and we would have been quite as happy to defeat the enemy at Sollum as at Benghazi."

Hitting Hard

"DESPITE OUR RETIREMENT TO PREPARED POSITIONS WE

ARE HITTING THE ENEMY HARD AND HAVE ALREADY INFLICTED MANY CASUALTIES, WHEREAS OURS ARE SLIGHT."

"Benghazi is almost useless to either side. It is an open secret that we have not been using it since its capture, and during the last week it has become even more useless since we carried out a systematic demolition of the harbour works, which already were littered up with sunken Italian ships."

"All eyes will be turned to the Western Desert in the next few (Continued on Page 16)

SUDDEN
COUP IN
IRAQ

News has reached London of a coup d'etat in Iraq following upon the recent political stalemate.

Although the situation is still obscure it appears that a number of Ministers, headed by Rashid Ali, have seized power in Baghdad in irregular fashion.

So far as is known in London the resignation of the former Premier, General Taha el Hashimi, has not yet been accepted by the Regent, nor has His Royal Highness, who is away from the capital, entrusted anyone with the task of forming a new administration.

Seizure of the Government offices at Baghdad has occurred at a time when Parliament stood prorogued and the Regent absent. The attitude of the provinces to the move is not yet known.

It is understood the British Government is now considering their attitude towards the new administration.—Reuter.

MME. CHIANG'S
INVITATION

It was learned in Allahabad yesterday that Madame Chiang Kai-shek has been in correspondence with Pandit Nehru's sister, Mrs. Vijalaxmi, to persuade her to visit China on behalf of the Indian Congress.—Reuter.

NOT ALL OF THEM
GOT TO LIBYA

BY NO MEANS all the German troops and supplies which have been going to Libya by way of Tripoli have reached their destination safely, writes Reuter's naval correspondent.

Since January 1 the Admiralty has announced the sinking by British submarines of about 109,000 tons of enemy shipping in the Mediterranean, a considerable amount of which presumably was for Tripoli.

These figures do not take into account ships which may have been sunk by the R.A.F.

It is believed most of the enemy transports left Port Salerno, on the west coast of Italy, and sailed down the coast round Sicily into Tunisian territorial waters.

Hard Problem

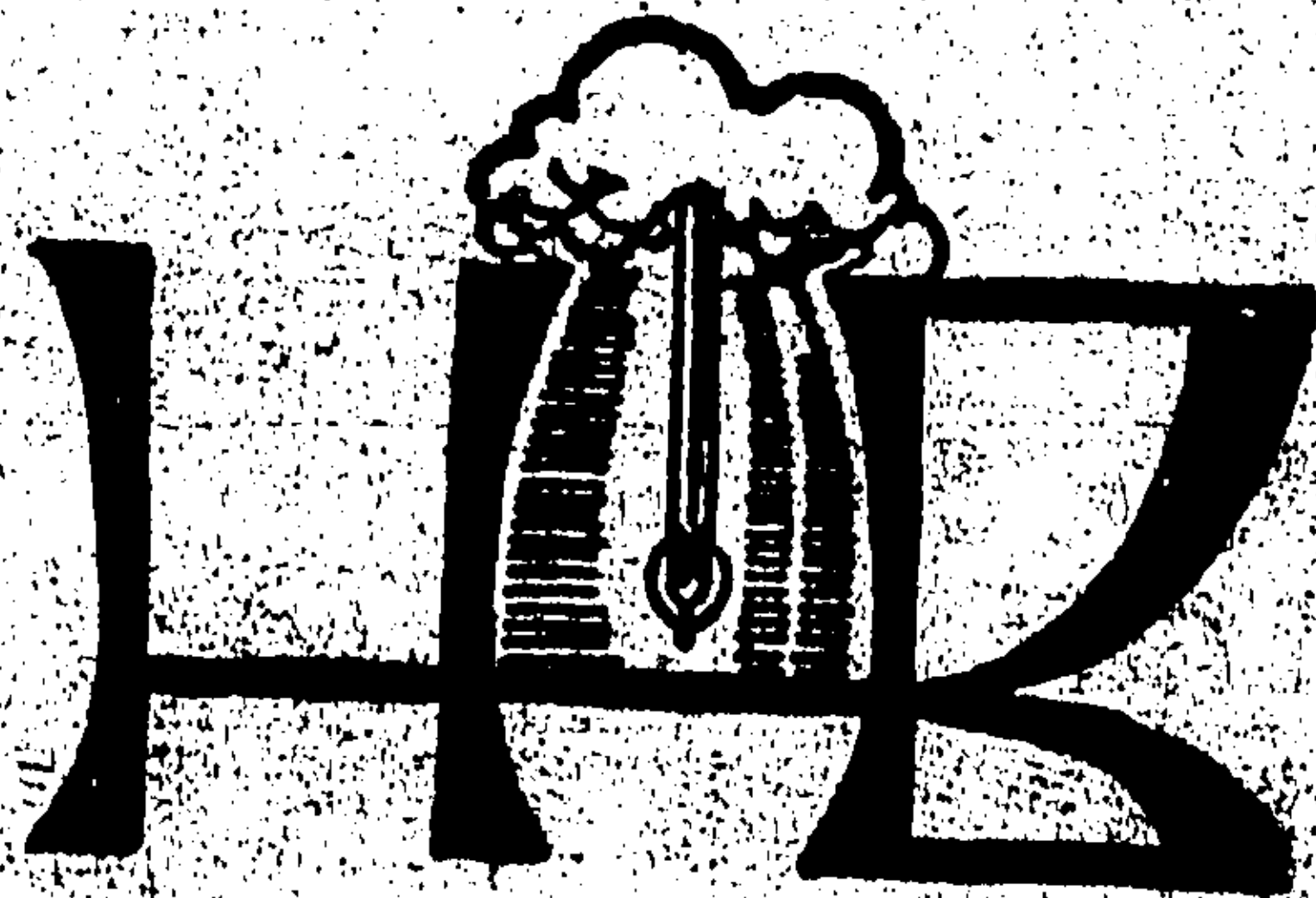
From there it was possible to creep along the coast to Tripoli

and possibly other ports held by the Italians, although once Tripoli was passed there were no really suitable landing points.

By using this route they presented the British Navy with a problem which was not easy to solve, especially as there were so many other commitments for British submarines.

It is confirmed, continues the correspondent, that Benghazi had never been used as a port by the British—nor are the Germans likely to make any use of it even after clearing the harbour.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

United States Flatly Turns Down Protests From The Axis

ROOSEVELT ACCUSES ADMIRAL LAIS

President Roosevelt declared at his press conference yesterday that it seemed at present that a great deal of the sabotage of Italian merchantmen was on the orders of Admiral Roberto Lais, the Italian naval attache in Washington, whose recall has already been demanded by the United States.—Reuter.

BRITAIN WILL GET ALLIES

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday, said that if Britain remained determined to defeat the threat to her freedom she would see, as the struggle went on, nation after nation turning to her side.

With American help Britain would carry such a weight of metal and threat to the enemy as would lead to a result which, avoiding defeat and a peace of stalemate, would carry Britain through to a victory which would enable her to state her terms.

"We must always now remember that we must not grow weak again."

"We must be strong but we must do justice, and having done justice first, then prove what the old book says—that we can after doing justice afford to do mercy."—Reuter.

TYPICAL JAPANESE COURTESY

"I AM CONVINCED THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE GREAT ITALIAN NATION WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM THIS WAR," DECLARED MR. MATSUOKA IN A FAREWELL TELEGRAM TO MUSSOLINI ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM ITALY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Matsuoka also sent a telegram to Ciano, ending with hopes of "complete victory shortly for the armed forces of your noble country."—Reuter.

SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that he has allocated another \$500,000,000 from the \$7,000,000,000 Lend and Lease Act for the construction of 212 merchantships in about 50 or 60 new shipyards.

President Roosevelt also disclosed that if no fighting was taking place in the Red Sea, the United States Government might, within two or three days, remove that area from the list of combat zones and permit United States vessels to ply thither with cargoes.—Reuter.

Mr. Cordell Hull's Blunt Statement

MR. CORDELL HULL, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, CONFIRMED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD FLATLY REJECTED THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PROTEST AGAINST THE SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPS AND HAD REFUSED DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE SHIPS AND CREWS.

The State Department announces that the seizures were necessary to protect vessels in United States harbours from sabotage, and the Department has publicly replied to the two Axis protests against the seizures.

Mr. Cordell Hull bluntly expressed surprise at the "extreme assertions and demands." He declared the German Embassy failed to support its contention of violation of international law or the treaty of friendship and commerce between the United States and Germany.

Difficult To See

Mr. Hull told the German Embassy: "I know of no principle of international law which permits the masters and crews of vessels of a country which have sought refuge in or entered the ports of another country to commit acts of destruction in disregard of local law and hospitality which they have been permitted to enjoy."

Mr. Hull further declared that there is no provision in the treaty between the United States and Germany which lends even the colour of support to any such statement.

He added that the auxiliary machinery of one of the German ships was smashed and the propelling machinery deliberately wrecked.

"If the scuttling and burning of ships in other harbours on this continent may be regarded as indicative of what might be expected in our ports, it is difficult to see how your Government could expect this Government to be oblivious to the situation presented."

Replying to the Italian Note, Mr. Cordell Hull cited United States law justifying the American action.—Reuter.

BRAVE GIRLS DID NOT TELL

Thanks of a commanding officer for the care of his wounded men has revealed the heroic conduct of two Y.M.C.A. voluntary workers, Miss Barbara Greenhill and Miss Padfield, who help at a canteen in a much-bombed area.

Both were serving refreshments when a bomb exploded close to the hut, at a time when soldiers were coming into it. Both girls ran outside to see if their help was needed.

They saw several soldiers on the ground severely wounded, and, although the raiders were still dropping bombs in the neighbourhood, they gave the injured first aid until an ambulance came.

Neither girl spoke of her care for the wounded on resuming work in the hut. It was only when the C.O.'s letter of thanks and praise reached the hut leader that their heroism was made known.

HEAVY RAF RAIDS ON GERMANS IN TRIPOLITANIA

RAIDS ON ENEMY motor transport convoys in the Mersa Breda area of Libya were the high-spot of yesterday's communique issued by R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters at Cairo.

The communique states: Libya — bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. made a heavy attack on enemy motor transport convoys in the Mersa Breda area of Tripolitania during the night of April 2/3.

After dropping bombs, which were seen to burst among vehicles, setting a number on fire, our machines descended to a low altitude and stopped several more vehicles by machine-gun fire.

A successful bombing raid was also carried out on Tripoli.

Malta—an Italian 79 bomber aircraft, escorted by CR42 fighters, attempted unsuccessfully to machine-gun an R.A.F. launch 40 miles off the island of Malta on Thursday.

Later a formation of Junkers 87 dive-bombers escorted by a number of Messerschmidt 109 fighters, dropped bombs in the vicinity of two minesweeping trawlers off Filifa but they obtained no hits.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

3,000 PRISONERS AT ASMARA

An official communique issued in Cairo yesterday says that the concentration of our advanced elements in Libya is continuing.

In Eritrea over 3,000 prisoners have already been counted at Asmara and many more are still coming in from enemy troops who have been overrun by our rapid advance eastwards towards Massawa and southward along the main road towards Dessie.

Extensive demolitions along the road to Massawa have now temporarily delayed our advance in this sector.

Elsewhere operations continue to develop successfully.

In Abyssinia our advance in all sectors is proceeding satisfactorily.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA SEES HITLER A SECOND TIME

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, paid his second visit to Berlin when he arrived in the Nazi capital from Rome yesterday.

He was received by Hitler for a conversation at which Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, was present.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES AT SOROPPA

Enemy losses in the capture of Soroppa on Thursday by the British force advancing on Addis Ababa from the south through Yavello sector are given in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique states: Later reports of the capture of Soroppa by our troops operating from the Yavello area confirm that the enemy lost 27 Europeans, including a brigadier, and 350 Africans, of whom 50 were killed.

Material captured included four guns and 15 machine-guns.

Our offensive on a broad front between Neghell and Yavello is progressing satisfactorily.

In the Harrar section our troops are approaching the River Awash. Enemy resistance by a mixed force of infantry, artillery and tanks on Wednesday was overcome and resulted in the capture of 501 Europeans and four guns.

The enemy suffered some casualties from our artillery which also caused their tanks to beat a hurried retreat.—Reuter.

U.S. NOTE TO BERLIN

The United States has made representations to the German Foreign Office over the arrest of Stewart Herman, an employee of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin.

Grounds are that prior notification and no explanation were given to the Embassy, the State Department announced yesterday.

It is further stated that the Embassy reported on April 3 that a number of United States citizens, of which Herman was one, had been taken into custody by the German police. They are reported to have been released several hours later.—Reuter.

HALIFAX SEES HULL

LORD HALIFAX, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, HAD A TALK WITH MR. CORDELL HULL, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, YESTERDAY.

Asked afterwards whether their discussion concerned shipping, Mr. Hull replied that it was not included in the talk it would be in future conversations.—Reuter.

THEY LAUGH AT PLAN FOR YOUTH CURFEW

ISLAND GIRLS are laughing at the Council for Social, Moral and Religious Service. They are the busybodies of Manxland, say girls, criticising the council's suggestions to the island Government:

1. Fully trained policewomen should be engaged to safeguard girls' morals.

2. A curfew for young people should be enforced during the winter.

Said a welfare worker, Miss Cox at the council's annual meeting:

"When war comes, with its thrill and glamour all restraint is thrown to the winds."

"Unattractive recreational facilities give the devil plenty of work for idle hands, particularly in the case of untrained girls."

A Manx girl told a reporter: "Such a suggestion makes one laugh. Why not a curfew for busybodies?"

"Many Manx girls are on war service. Those left at home are capable of looking after themselves."

"The Manx girl of to-day is not the simple idiot of Hall Caine novels. To bring troway policewomen here would be an insult."—Reuter.

ROUND-UP OF WOPS IN PANAMA

MEN FROM THE ITALIAN LINER "CONTE BLANCAMANO" ARE BEING ROUNDED UP IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE BY SOLDIERS PRIOR TO THEIR BEING SHIPPED TO NEW YORK ON BOARD A UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT.

Giovanni Bruni, Italian consul at Cristobal, the captain and two officers of the liner, two of the staff of the Italian Line and three employees of the company, who are citizens of Panama, Columbia and Venezuela, are being held in jail on deportation charges.—Reuter.

ITALIANS EMULATE NAZIS

Two Fascist Destroyers Sunk By Their Own Crews

Five Disposed Of In Last Few Days

TWO ITALIAN DESTROYERS have been scuttled by their crews off the coast of Saudi Arabia, in the Red Sea, and a third destroyer, left in a sinking condition on Thursday, has now sunk.

This latest and self-inflicted blow to the Italian navy is contained in an Admiralty communique yesterday quoting a report from the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

The communique adds: "This brings the total Italian destroyers sunk in the Red Sea in the last few days to five.

"The *Leoni* was sunk by naval aircraft on April 1, and the *Safro* and *Danielle Manin* were sunk by naval aircraft on April 3.

Prisoners Taken

"The destroyers scuttled were the *Pantera* and *Timre*. One of these has capsized and her fore-part is just showing above the water.

"The other is lying on the bottom, with her mast and part of her foremost funnel showing above water.

"A number of Italian prisoners of war from these two destroyers have been landed."

Earlier reports from London quoted authoritative circles as believing that the Italians still had in the Red Sea three destroyers, two torpedo-boats and two or three submarines, which are still being sought by the British Navy.

Four U-Boats Destroyed

Originally it is believed the Italians had seven destroyers and two torpedo-boats in the Red Sea. Of these, four destroyers had been sunk — three in the past four days.

Of 22 Italian U-boats announced as having been destroyed, four were sunk in the Red Sea. — Reuter.

9, WANTS TO JOIN R.A.F.

NINE-YEAR-OLD KENNETH OF THORNTON HEATH, SURREY, SAW A COUPON IN THE MORNING PAPER INVITING READERS TO WRITE FOR THE FREE LEAFLET GIVING DETAILS OF FLYING SERVICE IN THE R.A.F. HE WROTE:

"To the Air Minister, 'Please could you train me to fly on a small Gloster Gladiator in about two weeks.'

His mother told him not to post the letter. But he did.

The Air Ministry replied that it would be difficult to train him to fly as it would take more than two weeks and they had no aircraft small enough for the job.

So now Kenneth is waiting impatiently until he is old enough to join the R.A.F. In the meantime he is cutting more coupons from the newspapers and running a recruiting campaign among his school friends.

INDIAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY

Air Marshal Sir John Higgins yesterday visited the new Indian aircraft factory at Bangalore. Sir John is one of three Indian Government representatives on the board of directors of the factory. — Reuter.

BRITISH VICTORY GETS NAME

LAST WEEK'S BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY IN THE IONIAN SEA (EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN) WILL BE KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF MATAPAN.

An Admiralty communique issued yesterday announces this decision, adding that it had been reached after consultation with Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Cape Matapan is the southernmost point of the Greek mainland and the nearest land to which the main part of last week's action was fought. — Reuter.

BLIND BUILD NAZI 'PLANES

BLIND WORKERS ARE NOW EMPLOYED IN THE JUNKERS AIRCRAFT FACTORY AT DES-SAU.

Special kennels for the dogs who lead them to work have been constructed at the factory, states a "New York Times" message from Germany.

These blind men make exact measurements to one-thousandth of a millimetre with the same precision as their fellow workers with good eyesight.

The secret is an acoustic measuring that enables the worker to tell the result of his measurement by ear.

This apparatus, perfected after several years' work, has enabled the Junkers factory to employ many blinded war veterans.

NOSES OUT FISH AND NAZIS

When enemy aircraft are approaching a certain British patrol ship, the men resting below deck usually know of it before the look-out. Joey, the ship's tabby cat mascot, gives them the tip.

Snoring in a spare bunk, she will suddenly leap to her feet, arch her back, then scoot up the companion ladder to the upper deck. The men know what's to follow.

They dive for their steel helmets, slip on their lifebelts, and, sure enough, as they make for the ladder the "action stations" alarm sounds.

Meanwhile, Joey has taken a front-stall seat near a gun, and there she will sit and calmly watch the "chow" when the guns open fire on the enemy. The men attribute her extraordinary intuition to a sixth sense plus an association of ideas inspired by a liking for fish.

Expects A Feast

One day Joey's ship, following in the wake of a destroyer which had dropped depth charges, came across thousands of fish floating, stunned or dead. Buckets were lowered, a good supply was scooped up, and Joey had the feast of her life.

That's how her association of ideas started. Bang! Bang! — and then a feed of fish.

It happened once. Why shouldn't it happen again? Joey appears to argue. Joey's full name is Josephine — now.

It was Joseph — until the ship's company found her purring over a little of kittens under the bridge.

Unfortunately, that morning the ship "hit it rough and shipped it green." Joey raced along the deck from the cook's galley, but before she could reach her family a monster wave, breaking over the bows, had washed them overboard.

MESSAGE FROM GEN. WAYELL

General Wayell has sent a message through the Commander-in-Chief, India, acknowledging the Punjab Assembly's resolution congratulating the Middle-East arm on their African successes.

He adds: "The terms of the resolution are deeply appreciated by all of us and will serve particularly as encouragement to the Indian troops who played such a gallant part in the recent successes." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA TO BUILD WAR FACTORIES

A large number of factories for the manufacture of explosives are to be built in New South Wales at a cost of several million sterling, according to the Australian Minister of Munitions yesterday.

Explosives and filling factories will be located in areas miles apart. — Reuter.

NEW INDO-BURMA TRADE AGREEMENT

Under the Indo-Burma trade agreement, which is being enforced on April 7, Indian goods will enjoy a 15 per cent preference over non-Empire goods and a 10 per cent preference over Empire goods.

The agreement, which is for an indefinite period, is subject to termination after six months notice. — Reuter.

BOMB HERO IS GAOLED

A man who made bogus collections on behalf of hospitals was stated to have used the name of one hospital which had been saved from destruction by his own gallantry in an air raid.

The man was Albert Charles Wilkinson, aged twenty-eight, a hospital porter, of Northam Street, Southampton, married with two children. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour at Southampton Police Court for obtaining, and attempting to obtain, charitable contributions by fraud.

Wilkinson was one of the heroes of a recent air raid attack on Southampton.

Picked Up Bomb

Showers of incendiary bombs fell on and round the hospital where Wilkinson was working, and the nurses' home was destroyed.

Wilkinson played a hero's part in dealing with the fire bombs. To reach one bomb which lodged on a flat roof, he climbed an adjoining roof and jumped across a gap of about eight feet. With his bare hands he scooped the burning bomb off the roof into the roadway.

It was stated in court that Wilkinson made use of his position at the hospital to collect money in the pretence that it was for hospital's.

He called at the house of a constable and asked for subscriptions. The officer, not satisfied with his explanation, took him into custody.

In a written statement Wilkinson said he thought he would get some money by going to various houses and say he was collecting for the hospital fund.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are gazetted:

Dr. E. Newton to be Surgical Specialist.

Mr. G. White to be Controller of Land Transport and Mr. B. A. K. Hawkins to be Controller of Labour.

FIRST FULL STORY OF BRITISH HARRAR SUCCESS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent With The South African Forces in East Africa) IT IS NOW POSSIBLE to tell for the first time the full story of the surrender of Harrar, second largest city in Abyssinia, on March 26.

After artillery had battered the Italians out of an immensely strong position in the rocky Babilie Pass, the British force came within sight of Harrar.

They were met by an Italian lorry flying a bedsheet on a long bamboo as a white flag. An Italian emissary was taken to British brigade headquarters, consisting of a couple of Staff cars in the bush.

The Italian emissary read a statement declaring Harrar an open city, promising the peacefulness of its citizens and offering to surrender Harrar at 7 o'clock the next morning.

British Warning

In reply, the British general repeated a warning dropped in pamphlets on Harrar to the effect that he would not regard Harrar as an open city if the enemy persisted in its resistance at the gates.

The Italians protested unavailingly but eventually the Italian emissary returned to Harrar on top of a British armoured car turret to surrender the town.

As British armoured cars rushed down the pass they passed five Italian field-guns being taken to Harrar — evidence of why the Italians desperately hoped to stave off the capitulation of Harrar until the following day for these were guns which had held up the British advance in the mountains.

Up to Diredda the British force had achieved a feat unapproached in military history, advancing at an average of 30 miles a day for two months. — Reuter.

"WHAT I DISLIKE" — OUR KIDS IN U.S.

BRITISH CHILD EVACUEES in the United States hate ice-cold milk, American-made tea, overheated houses and little girls who use cosmetics. They like ice-creams, hot-dogs, shower-baths and skyscrapers.

STEADIER CLOSING ON LONDON STOCK-MART

Prices on the London Stock Exchange early in the session were somewhat marked down, influenced by the approaching Budget and the Libyan news but closed steadier above the lowest. Gilt-edged, home rails and industrial recorded fairly widespread small losses. Kaffirs occasionally were lower and oil irregular but among foreign issues, Chinese, Japanese and Brazilian bonds all improved. — Reuter.

This is revealed in a symposium conducted among British children by the "New York Times Magazine."

Here are observations the magazine says were made by evacuees:

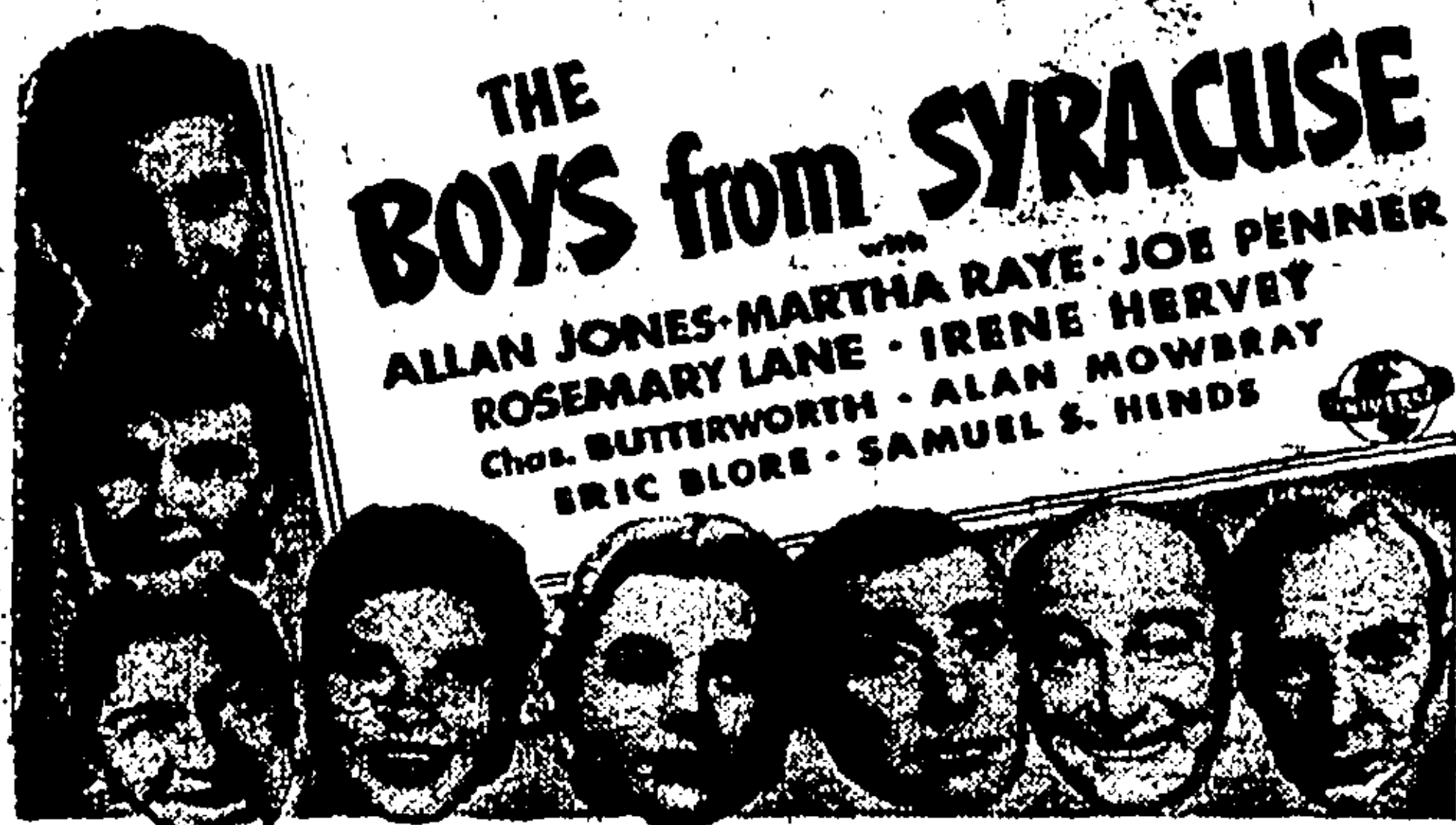
American children are a bit rough. The children in America don't seem to be shy at all.

I was astonished to see girls of thirteen wearing lipstick and powder, and I don't like it much. American accents are different but the people are the same.

Americans are not able to eat so much as we can.

When Americans talk, it sounds like a hen's playing. — Reuter.

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FIRST PREMONITORY SHIVER OF WORLD EARTHQUAKE

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, was the blackest day yet suffered by the Berlin-Rome Axis in this war, declares the "New York Daily News."

The Battle in the Ionian Sea may have broken the Axis... the battle promises to rank in history with Aboukir and Trafalgar, and possibly ahead of Jutland, as regards decisiveness.

Its consequences in this war are bound to be far-reaching... it seems possible that Hitler's sixth sense is cracking up, especially when we consider the persistent rumour that it was Hitler's order which sent Mussolini's best ships to their doom.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that on the same day, in every quarter of the earth, the vast and supposedly invincible power of the Nazi-Fascist Axis all at once was in indecision on the offensive or on the run.

Faltering And Failing

From Tokyo, where there are sudden doubts about Mr. Matsuo-ka's pilgrimage, right round the world to Puerto Cabello, where an exuberant citizenry relieved its feeling by burning down a German-owned hotel, the Nazis and Fascists are faltering, failing, evacuating, surrendering and protesting to ears at last steeled against them by their own brutal arrogances.

Asmara falls, the oldest capital in the Italian Empire; the Germans and Italians are in headlong flight from Yugoslavia; Axis shipping is being seized or scuttled all over the Americas; British bombers are trading two to one across the Channel and North Sea; Moscow is a shade chillier than before.

First Shiver

For one moment the story everywhere is the same and in-

H.G. TRIBUTE TO DEAD INDIANS

Home guards, standing shoulder - to - shoulder with Indian Army transport muleteers on a bleak West Country hillside, paid tribute at the funeral of two of the Indians' comrades who had been killed accidentally.

In front of the group were two coffins, made nearly 4ft. high, so that on the day of the resurrection the two Punjabi Mahomedans in them may sit upright to make their supplications to Allah.

The lids of the coffins were off, revealing the dead men, each clad in three sets of spotless white linen. The Indian mourners stood barefooted, softly chanting the prayers which their Maulvi (Indian chaplain) intoned.

Then the coffin lids were screwed on, the Home Guards stepped forward, saluted the dead and reverently placed wreaths of English roses on the coffins of those Indian patriots who had come thousands of miles to fight for their King-Emperor.

The Escort Song

Slowly the coffins were borne two miles to a military cemetery, and on the way the Indian bearers and escort sang of man's coming and going and of the will and goodness of Allah, in the procession, marched with slow step a score of Home Guards. All the florists in the town combined to supply scores of wreaths for civilian friends of the men of the Indian contingent.

GERMANS ENRAGED AT SABOTAGE

Nazi military authorities in the Norwegian province of West Opland have become enraged over acts of sabotage, according to messages received in Stockholm.

The sabotage includes the destruction of military material and the cutting of telephone wires.

A collective penalty of about £4,000 has been imposed on the province. All meetings have been forbidden for two months and residents must be in by 8 p.m.

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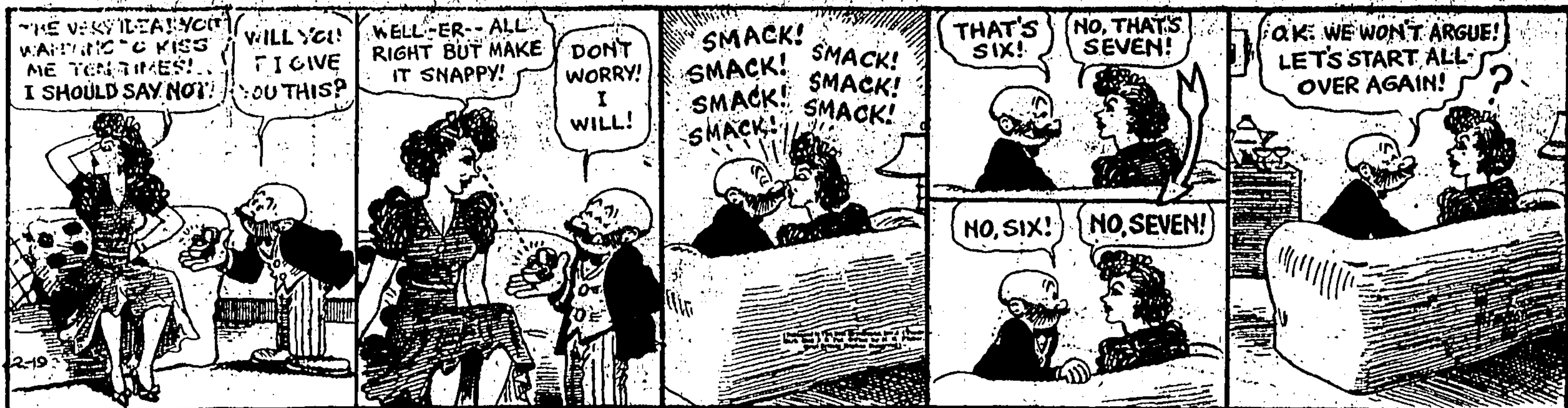
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STRICTLY BETWEEN FRIENDS

What the Nazis think of the Air Force of their Axis partners is reflected in the following extracts from a recent article in the "Volkischer Beobachter".

"The airmen of the Royal Air Force whose mission it is to bomb the aerodromes from which the Italian Air Force undertakes its raids on the Greek front, are not to be envied. Even if they light up the whole sky with flares, during their night flights, there will be nothing to see except a seemingly endless plain covered with olive and fig groves, among which isolated buildings rise. It is difficult to make out whether these are farmhouses or hangars.

We have travelled about 150 km. in order to visit an aerodrome. It is the model aerodrome of the Italian Air Force, to the plan of which practically all other new aerodromes are constructed. These Italian air bases look different from the German, as the type of country in which they are situated is different; the only thing they have in common is the effort made to conceal them from the observation of strangers. This was so successful in the case of the aerodrome we visited that we did not recognise it, although we had been driving towards it across the plain for some time, until we stopped immediately in front of its gates.

It is a very unlikely chance that one of these aerodromes will be hit. All those we have seen have frequent alarms, but have never been hit by the enemy. And even if they were hit, only a fraction of their personnel, material and supplies are ever actually on the aerodrome. A carefully thought out system, about which it is impossible, for obvious reasons, to give further details, has spread men and material over the countryside in such a way that it is impossible for the enemy to find them.

The Italian aircraft industry is perhaps one of the best developed branches of industry in the country. In the Savoja 70 the Italians had already produced a three-engined bomber which, at the time, was regarded as extremely fast, and which is still employed with success to-day. The three-engined aircraft is well-liked by the Italian airmen. Nevertheless, following the experience gained in recent years, it was decided also to construct in series a number of twin-engined bomber types, which can almost compete with fighters as regards speed. And it will always go down to the honour of the Italian Air Force that, during the critical period of the Abyssinian war, there were found among its ranks, 500 valiant men who were ready to hurl their machines and their bombs at the British warships. But these were not dive-bombers in the present-day meaning of the word.

The Italian pilots recognise without jealousy the superiority of the German Air Force in this respect, the term "Lo Stuka" is used to-day by every Italian boy, and the dive-bomber pilots themselves are full of enthusiasm for the deeds of the German Stukas. It is illuminating to observe that, despite the effort to give some rather unconvincing praise to the Regia Aeronautica, the German writer could not refrain from explaining that, naturally, the Luftwaffe was much superior!

SAVE CREW OF FIVE

The crew of five of a motor-vessel, which had run aground off the North-East Coast, was rescued by the Amble, (Northumberland) lifeboat. Coxswain Handiside said the men were taken off by breeches buoy.

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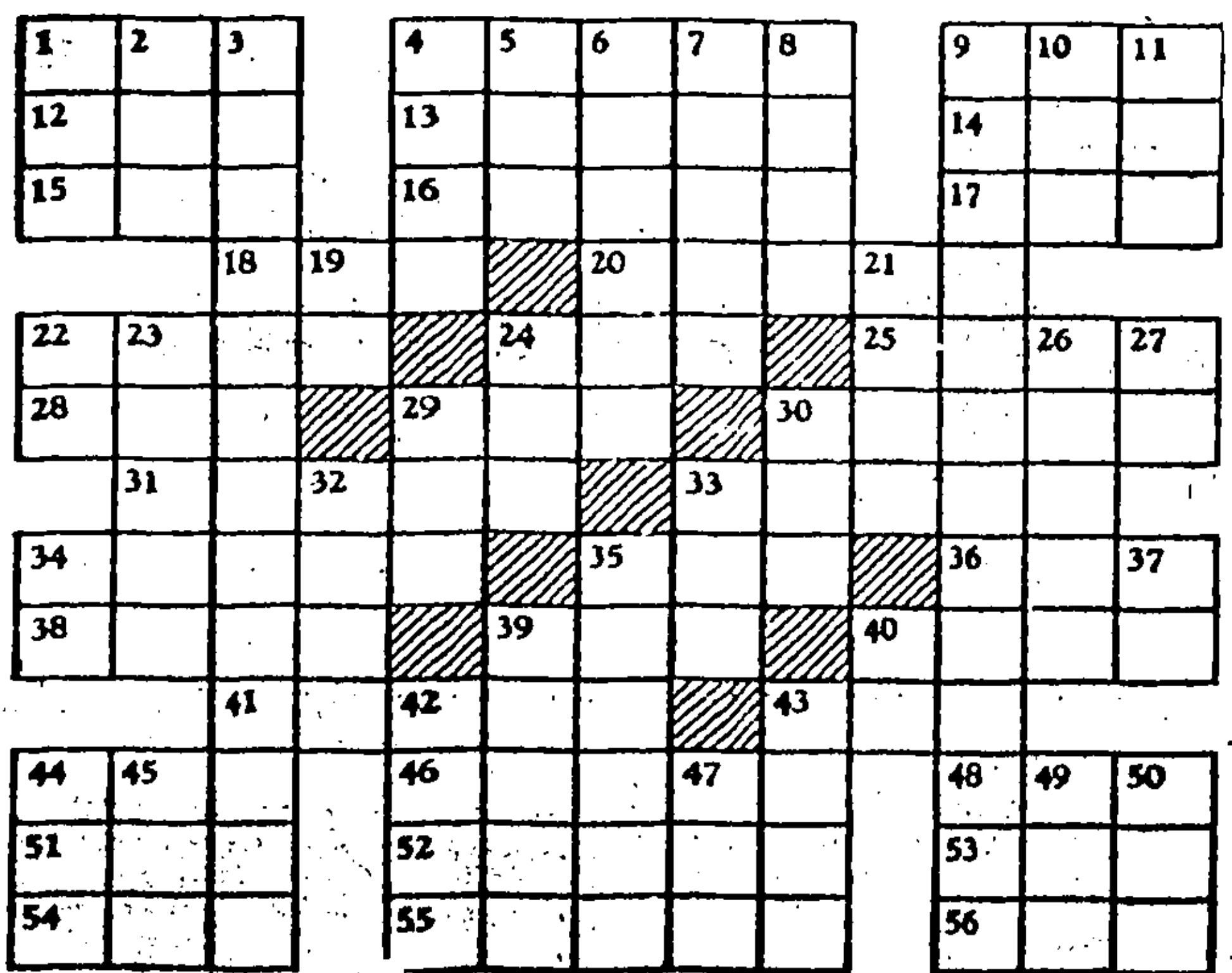


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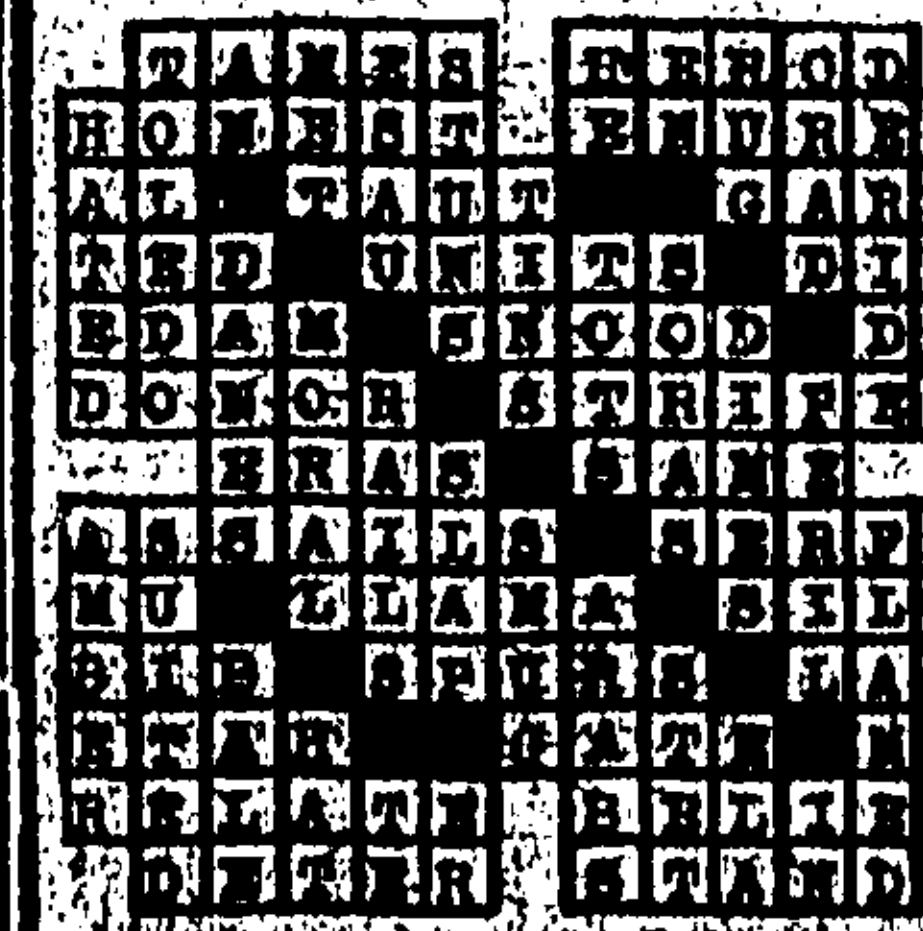
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- 22 Musical composition
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- 25 Handle
- 28 Brazilian coin
- 29 Swiss river
- 30 Heavenly being
- 31 Stop
- 33 Non-Christian
- 34 Earthen pot
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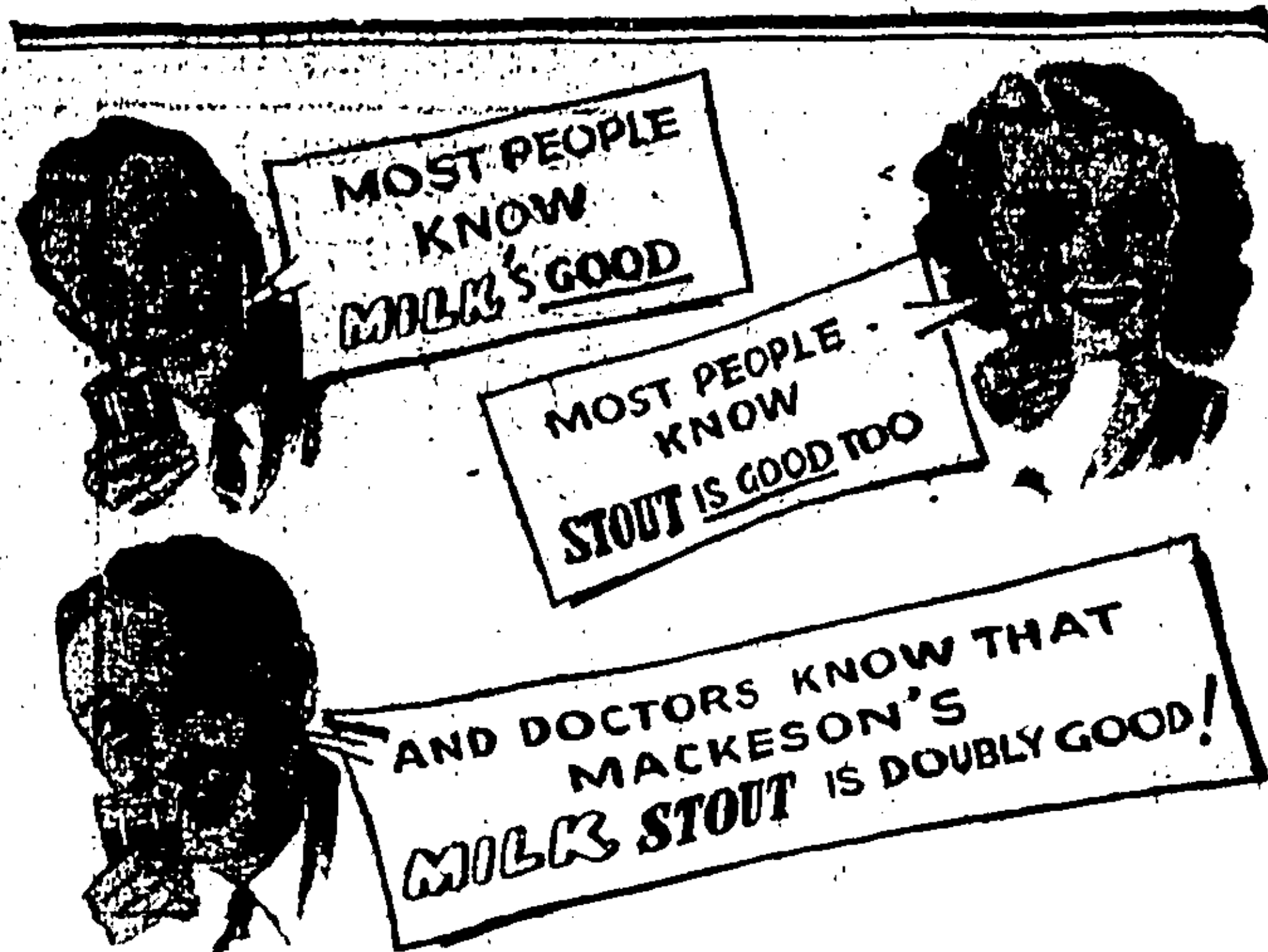
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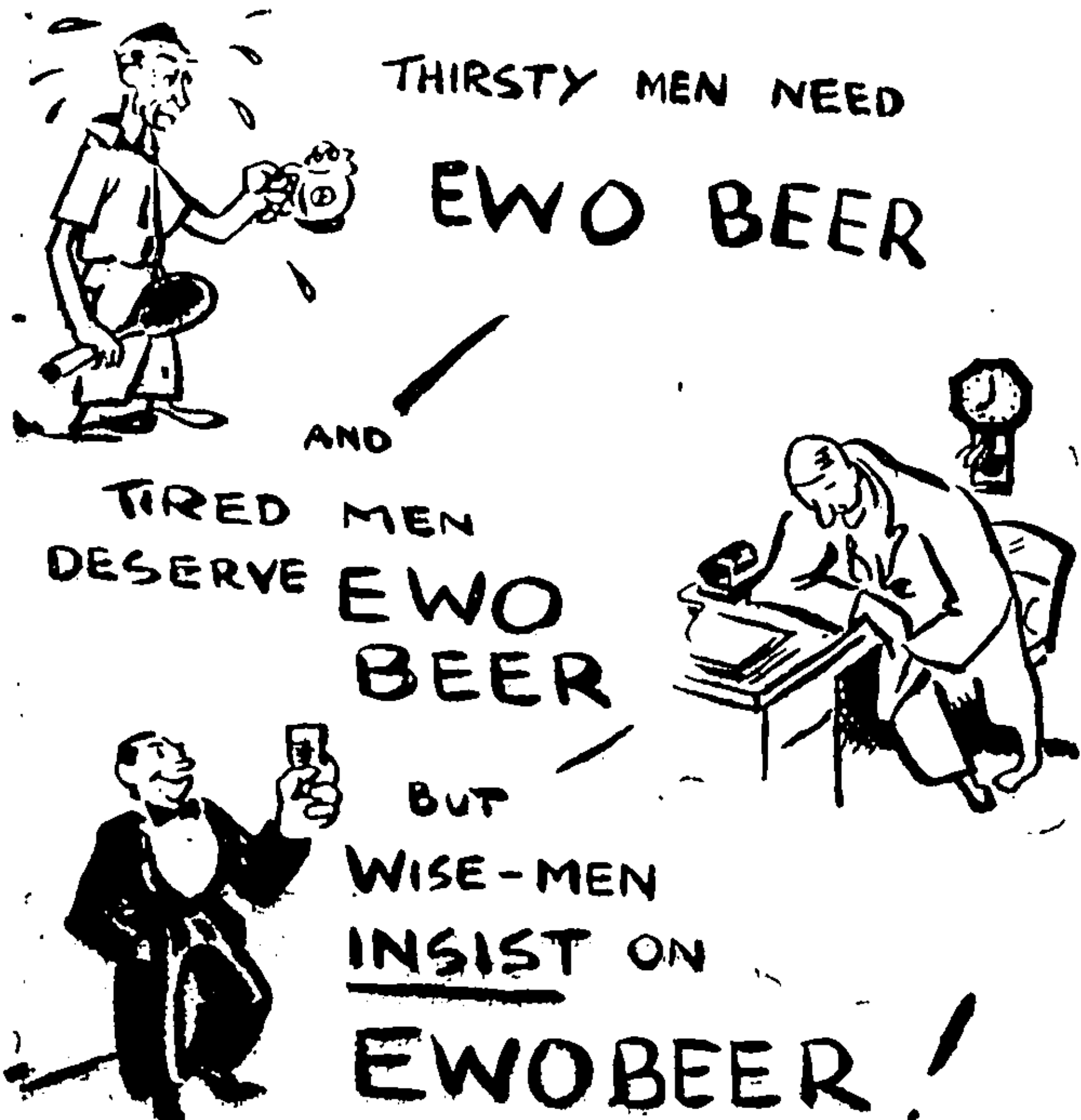


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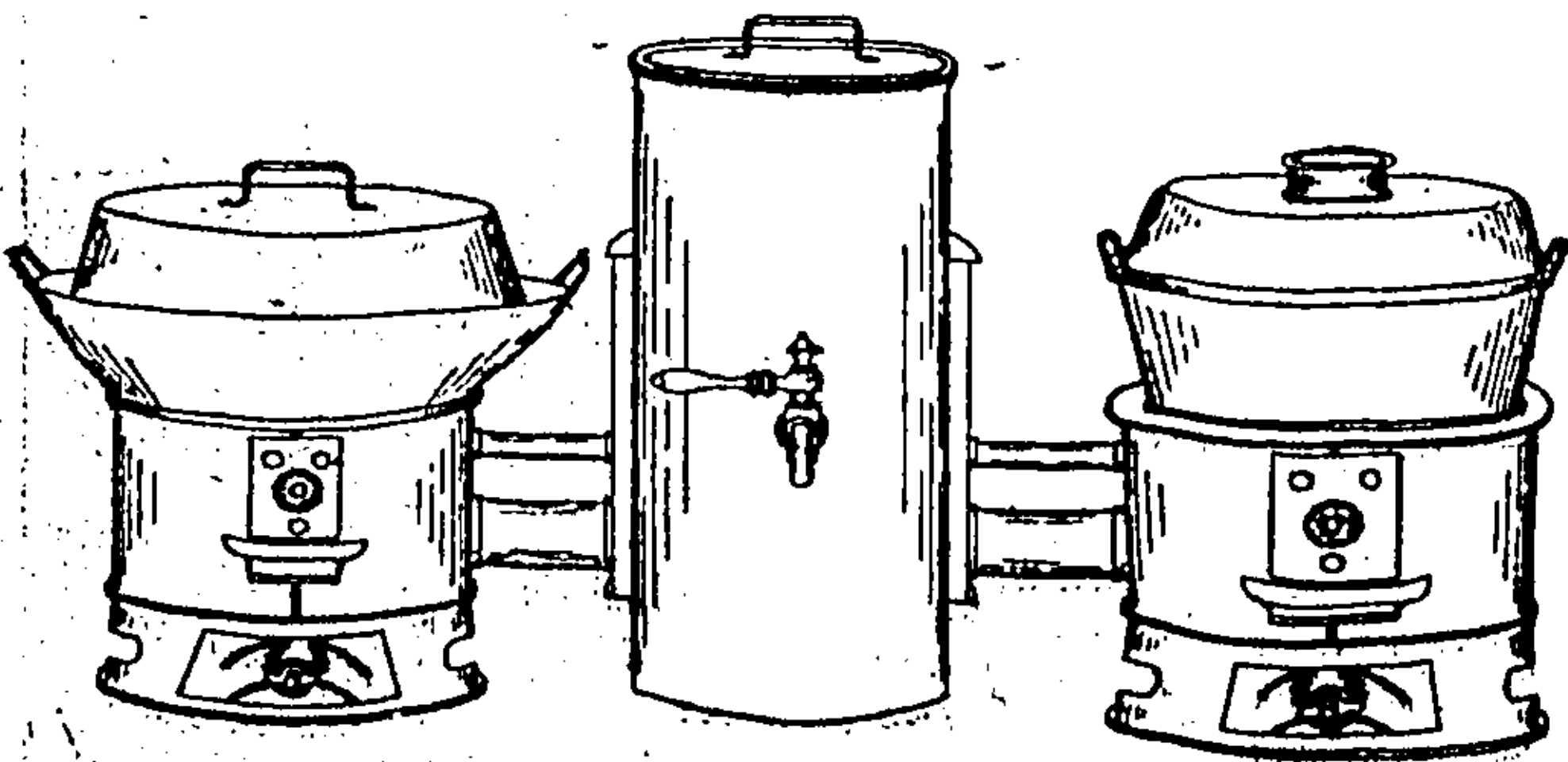


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DOVER NO GHOST TOWN DESPITE BOMBS & SHELLS

(By Ernie Pyle)

DOVER, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IS THE ENGLISH CITY THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE COAST OF FRANCE. IT IS SUBJECT BOTH TO AIR RAIDS AND TO SHELLING FROM BIG GERMAN GUNS ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

I suppose most of you picture Dover as a deserted city, a half-wrecked ghost town. It isn't any such thing.

It is quite alive. Thousands of people are living here and going on with their business. In fact, Dover is not as badly damaged—not nearly so—as Coventry or Bristol or some of the other blitzed cities.

The waterfront is pretty well battered and most of the buildings there have been evacuated. But the rest of the city carries right on.

The Grand Hotel, where all the American newspapermen stayed during the great air-raiding days of last September, has since had one whole end bombed off. This and simply fell away from the rest of the hotel as though a giant hand had cut it off with a knife.

Washbowl Stands

If you look way up at the naked standing wall, which used to be an inside wall, you will see one lone white washbowl still screwed to the wall. They say a newspaperman went away hurriedly, leaving his razor lying on the bowl, shortly before the hotel was hit. Presumably the razor is still up there, but there's no way to get to it.

The Dover area gets a bunch of shells from the other side about once a week. But even the ones that land right in town do little damage.

Even a newcomer like myself, after a few minutes' practice looking, can go around town and say "This was a bomb" or "This was a shell." A shell seems to knock down only just what it hits, instead of wrecking everything all around the way the big bombs do.

I saw buildings in Dover that had received direct hits by shells yet had only a few feet of brick and stone knocked off one corner.

Dual Warning System

German planes cross the coast so frequently that cities in this area have six or eight siren warnings a day. In fact these coastal towns have recently put in effect a dual warning system.

The regular siren goes when the planes are first caught by the sound detectors. Then, if the planes come directly overhead, a local warning is sounded. This may be a steam whistle or a compressed-air squawker different from the regular siren.

There was a first warning in Ramsgate while we were there in midafternoon, and I noticed lots of people take to the shelters.

Ramsgate, incidentally, has a

public shelter system that is unique. It is a vast network of tunnels in the chalk rock, winding around underneath the city at an average of 60 feet below the surface. The total length of this network is three and a half miles, and it can be entered from 23 different spots throughout the city.

In the event of a night-long blitz the entire population of Ramsgate could crowd into these tunnels. They were started the year before the war and took more than two years to build.

Drives 150 Miles

Incidentally, I'll tell you something to show you how wide awake this coastal defense area is. A friend from Tunbridge Wells drove me around. We drove all day and covered 150 miles.

In midafternoon we drove into Ramsgate, which is a good 75 miles from London. We asked a traffic policeman the way to the Lord Mayor's office. The policeman was a nice-looking, pleasant young fellow. He told us the way, then looked in the car and said:

"Is this Mr. Pyle?"

My first impulse was to dismount from the car and bow to the passing throng, on the assumption that my prowess as a literary gentleman was now recognised in the uttermost corners of the earth. But logic stayed this action. No such conclusion was permissible under the cold light of fact.

The truth is simply that the police all over the area were being notified from one city to the next who we were and what we were about.

AND SO SAY ALL OF US!

Miss Margaret Ann Wedderburn, of Drumlithie, Kincardineshire, who has just celebrated her hundredth birthday, was asked her opinion of Lord Haw-Haw.

"He's nae use wasting the battery on," she replied.

LORD MAYOR GREEK CITIZEN

Sir George Wilkinson, Lord Mayor of London, has been made an honorary citizen of Megara, Greece, as a tribute to his work for the Lord Mayor's Greek Relief Fund.

VETERAN TRAINING POSTPONED

Those members of the Veteran Company, H.K.V.D.C. detailed to parade at Murray Barracks on Monday, 7th April, will not now attend. The training programme scheduled to commence on that date has now been postponed to Monday, 21st April. Further instructions will be issued later.

GET INTO "PRETTIES" OFF DUTY

(By A Special Correspondent)

"Women must try to get out of uniform whenever they can. They should change, whenever possible, into something pretty and feminine. It brightens things up for everyone."

This is the opinion of Mme. Schiaparelli, the famous dress designer, queen of fashion, who is on her way back to France from New York.

"I know that Dame Fashion has been conscripted to help to win the war," she said. "She has been sacrificed for dungarees and uniforms. It is part of the sacrifice which all must make."

Heavy Coats

"But I hate these heavy coats and shoes which have to be worn now, and that's why I advise women to get out of them when they can."

"Before the collapse of France, my daughter—who was an ambulance driver, was never allowed to come to dinner in her uniform, but had to change to something feminine, a pretty dress."

"After the war? Furs, feathers and flounces again, and plenty of them to celebrate victory!" Schiaparelli, the woman who has dressed two continents since the last war, was wearing a navy blue suit. Her only ornament with the demure little blue and white check blouse which peeped over her suit was a diamond lucky spider.

"Britain says we must carry on," she said, "and for that reason I am going back to Vichy to what is left of my France to do what I can for French fashion."

FRENCH WANT THEIR FACTORIES BOMBED

THE DETERMINATION OF FRENCH PEOPLE TO OVERTHROW THEIR GERMAN AND ITALIAN OPPRESSORS WAS EMPHASISED BY M. HENRI HAUCK, LABOUR ADVISER TO THE FREE FRENCH FORCES, AT A LUNCHEON OF THE NEW EUROPE CIRCLE IN LONDON.

He said, "The French working men are saying, 'We are working for the Germans in our factories, why don't you bomb us?'"

"Sabotage is going on in many factories, and the spirit of resistance against the enemy and against Fascism is growing among the working class of France."

"I feel that ninety or ninety-five per cent of the French people are wishing for a British victory."

THEY SAY IT WITH SOAP

Boy friends in Britain are now saying it with soap because flow-ers are a bit expensive and soap is so much more useful. Girls like it because they fear good per-fumed brands may become scarce.

CHINA MAIL WINDSOR HOUSE

BASES IN THE PACIFIC

In 1898 Captain (later Admiral) Chichester of the British Navy placed his ships between those of the United States and of a threatening Germany in Manila Bay. He recognised the mutual interests of Britons and Americans in the Far East. He made it practically certain that if Germany fired on American warships the resultant war would include Great Britain.

Other nations have been more aware of these mutual interests than have many laymen and some statesmen in Britain and the United States. The Axis has been so acutely aware of them as to conclude an alliance with Japan frankly as an attempt to immobilise the United States in the present world crisis.

The plan, far from succeeding, opened American eyes to the true nature of the menace that Britain is now fighting. Hence the recent vote in the House of Representatives, with only one dissenting voice, to strengthen the defences of Guam and Samoa. Americans can say, as the British used to, "We've got the ships, we've got the men, we've got the money, too." But they must stop to ask themselves: "Have we got the naval bases?" And the answer is "No."

There is Pearl Harbour. Some 5,000 miles westward lie the Philippines, where American responsibilities will exist until 1946. But the United States' Pacific fleet—most of its Navy—is hampered by lack of bases. An agreement to provide joint Anglo-American use of Pacific bases would seem a logical remedy.

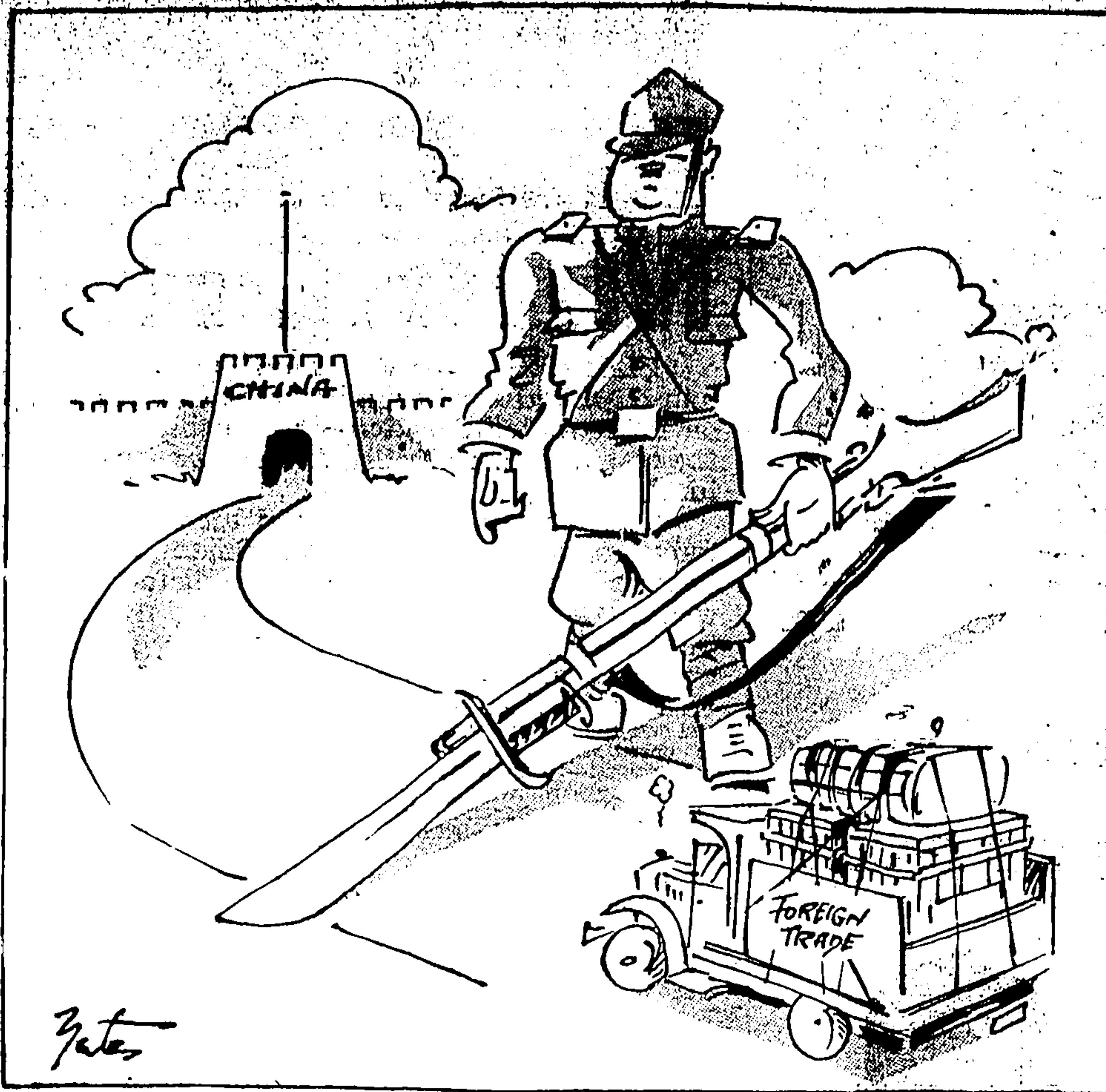
By sharing these bases with Britain, Americans could vastly increase the striking power of their Navy in the Pacific without building a single new ship. And the key base, of course, is Singapore.

Britain put upwards of £20,000,000 into the Singapore strong box. This investment consisted of the world's third largest drydock, great machine shops, formidable batteries of guns, air fields, oil stores sufficient to supply a big naval squadron. To it have now been added a weight of British air power, to assure British control of the air, and thousands of Australian troops.

Singapore will be well defended. But to be of maximum usefulness in the present crisis it needs to acquire striking power. That means ships. If the Navy succeeds in "knocking out" Italy in the Mediterranean, we may have some ships to spare for Singapore. But the base was constructed as part of a strategy demanding a two-power Navy.

Britain was planning such a Navy when the Washington conference was called. The agreements concluded left Singapore deficient in ships, just as American ships in the Pacific, unless co-operating with Britain, are deficient in bases.

Should American warships turn up suddenly at Singapore, they would represent as hard-headed a policy on the part of the United States Government today as was that which Captain Chichester implemented for Britain in 1898. But it can hardly be called a selfish policy when the right of the Chinese to national independence and the rights of small nations in Europe—all threatened by the Triple Axis—are dependent upon its success.



By "VIRTUE" OF MILITARY "NECESSITY."

The Spirit Of Britain

By Harold J. Laski

Exactly when and how the attack is to come, we do not, of course, know; that Hitler is committed to an attack seems clear from all the evidence. He is committed to it by his need of a new victory; and he is committed to it by his growing need of quick returns. The British effort, backed by America, is beginning, as the African situation makes clear, to get into its stride; and delay in delivering the knock-out blow is the one thing Hitler dare not risk.

I think I speak for all my fellow-citizens when I say that we await the outcome with confidence. It is not only that we are in possession of greater resources. It is not only, either, that our blows at Italy have shown that we are learning the important lessons of the Polish and French campaigns. It is, above all, the steely hearts of the civilian population, the new self-respect that has emerged from the battering of the last four months, that is the basis of our faith. That the attack will unleash terror in all its forms none of us doubts. That there is no terror which can break our spirit none of us doubts either. We shall, of course, pay a heavy price; but we all see the high-road to victory on the other side of the attempt at invasion. For here is going to be the first overwhelming failure of Hitler's plans; and he cannot afford that failure.

We have been heartened, too, by the friendliness of our visitors from the United States. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Willkie will have given Americans a great account of the British temper. The welcome they received was profound. To Mr. Hopkins everything had been opened; it is not too much to say that never has the mind of the British Government been so fully revealed to a stranger.

The British public took Mr. Willkie to its heart from the moment of his arrival. He would, of course, have been welcome if only for the stand he has taken during the campaign on the "Aid for Britain" issue. But within a few hours he made himself felt as a person whose hold on American opinion was quickly understood. He did not stand on his dignity. He was direct and simple and friendly. There was not a wrong phrase, or a false step, in his attitude. He kept above, and out-

side politics in the ordinary sense of the term. His energy was as remarkable as his determination to see things for himself. And he understood that resolution and courage of ordinary people here in a way that they simply cannot be understood unless they are seen at first hand. I think Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Willkie, both, would testify that there has not been a year in British history that has shown a finer spirit. The common man feels that he has become the symbol of world-liberty. He can measure something of what depends on him. Our American friends have seen that he will not fail in the task that is before him.

It is, I think, of interest to illustrate this spirit by one example that moves me greatly. W.P. is the postman of the little village in Essex where I live. He began life as a footman in the Great House; after the last war, in which he lost an eye, he entered the postal service. There is no village activity in this war of which he is not the centre. On three nights a week, he is air-raid warden in an area where German planes are continuously active. His tiny cottage houses two child evacuees from East London who have so learned from him the enchantment of country life that nothing would induce them to go home. Whist drives, lectures, dances, for the adult evacuees, who find a village eleven miles from the nearest movie a difficult experience, these he organises in his spare time. W.P. is not, in the lettered sense, a cultivated person. But if ever I met the temper of democratic citizenship he is its embodiment. He gives himself with a spontaneity and goodwill to the service of others in a way that makes respect for him part of one's self-respect.

In the party sense, W.P. is not politically-minded; if anything, I suspect that he votes conservative. But I have met few people in this war who understand better than he the real essence of the cause for which we are fighting. He comes, of course, from that stout East Anglian stock which formed the backbone of New England. His forebears have lived in our village for four hundred years, and they went out with Cromwell to Marston Moor and Naseby. For him what is central in the war is that neither we nor those

whom Hitler has conquered shall have their lives defined for them from outside. What he hates is the cruelty of power. His wants are few and simple, but he must be able to decide upon his wants. He will serve gladly; but his master must be of his own choosing. There is in him a simple and inner dignity which comes only to those who have earned the right to self-respect. He does not agree with you until he is sure that he follows your argument. If he differs, there is always in the expression of difference a kindness, and a good-will that are of the essence of the tolerant mind. In the village, he is the friend of everyone and the enemy of none. He is the kind of man who has that power of leadership which does not impose itself, is always humble, and does not enjoy the exercise of authority for its own sake. He leads because it becomes natural to him to undertake some service which needs to be done. I like to think that we are fighting in order that such men as he may get a square deal in this community of ours.

W.P. likes to read, in a slow and somewhat shy way. A month or so ago I lent him a biography of Lincoln. As a rule, he returns the books he borrows with no more than a curt phrase. But the life of Lincoln opened in him a fountain of comment. "He was a rare man," he said; "he knew what common folk were like inside." He had never read before the Gettysburg speech, but I thought his phrase for it was worth a hundred more sophisticated utterances. "I were like chapter from Isaiah," he said; and he confessed that the Second Inaugural seemed to him like what he felt in church at a moment of deep religious experience.

W.P. is not a unique person just now. He is the man who in every shelter and every street has responded to the call of danger, whose spirit embodies, as nothing else embodies, the power that Hitler cannot break. And when he has given Britain the victory he will win, no one will be able to persuade him and his kind to vengeance; respect for other human beings is the cardinal principle of his life. He is the man for whose survival I care deeply. For on the preservation of this quality depends the future of a civilised life.

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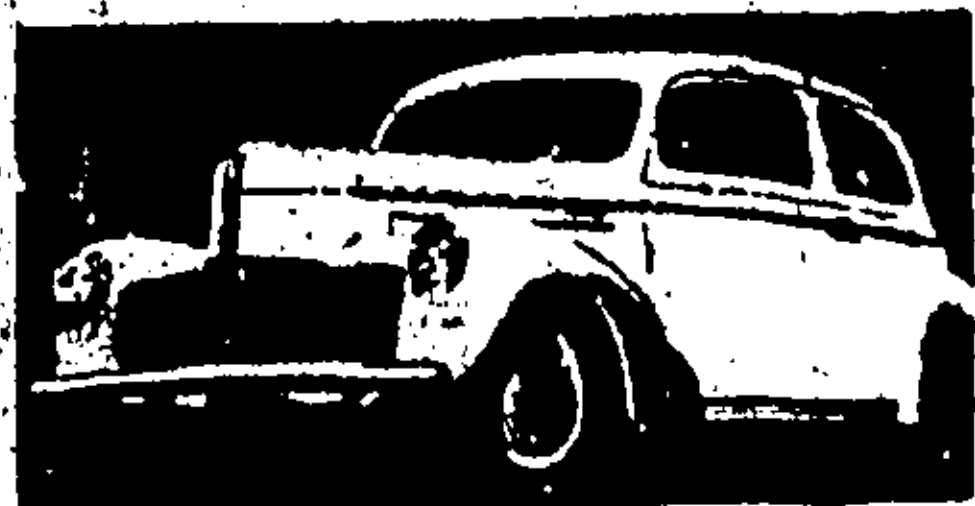
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FLASHES FROM a small piece of broken mirror picked up four miles inland in the Arabian desert attracted the attention of a ship and secured the rescue of four British airmen, two of them injured.

The airmen's machine had been wrecked in a forced landing near the Gulf of Oman, a spur of the Persian Gulf. For five days the airmen lived on what little food they had. They found a little water in a crack in the rocks, but they were only able to wet the tips of their fingers and suck them.

On the sixth day the flight-sergeant and the observer—the wireless operator and the mechanic—were injured—walked to a small knoll. They saw a ship which had been sent to search for them. But how could they attract the ship's attention?

Something glittered in the sand. The sergeant picked it up. It was a piece of mirror, less than four inches square. He flashed it repeatedly towards the ship.

The observer had binoculars. Excitedly he reported that the ship was hoisting flags in reply.

The two uninjured men went back for their companions, who had almost to be carried to the mouth of a creek. By then darkness had fallen.

The wireless operator had to be shaken into consciousness to send a message to the ship by torch.

In slow and faltering Morse the torch flashed the message: "We are four British airmen. We are now on the beach."

Then at dawn, through the gallantry of the ship's third officer and two Indian seamen, the airmen were rescued.

Swim With Line

The story was told by a British officer of the ship which rescued the airmen.

"We anchored three or four miles off shore and began searching with glasses," said the officer. "When we were thinking of leaving the captain saw a tiny flicker of light."

"There was no intelligible message, but it was pretty clear someone was trying to attract our attention. Later that night we got a message from a flashing torch."

"At dawn next day we got a boat as close inshore as we dared, and the third officer, Mr. N. C. E. Little, decided to swim in with a line to shore. He called for two volunteers, and two Indian seamen, Vaila Penna and Jairam Narron went with him."

Awarded Medals

"Somehow the three of them managed to get ashore with a double line and a couple of life-buoys, and they found the four airmen 'all in'."

"For bringing the four men through the surf to the lifeboat Mr. Little was awarded the Empire Gallantry Medal and the Lloyd's Bronze Medal."

"Vaila Penna and Jairam Narron received the Lloyd's Bronze Medal, a medal which is awarded only for extreme gallantry at sea."

**USED ARMY BISCUIT
FOR COMMUNION**

COMMUNION SERVICES HELD IN A GARAGE BY BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR, THE "BREAKING OF BREAD" PERFORMED WITH A TINY PIECE OF ARMY BISCUIT.

This story of how religious observance is kept up in German prison camps is told in a letter to his parishioners from the Rev. J. R. Bamber, vicar of Wollaston, Stourbridge, who is himself a prisoner.

Mr. Bamber says that his camp contains about 1,400 officers and thirty chaplains.

The garage has been converted into a church, and the services are "wonderfully well attended."

**\$50,000 FOR
NATION**

After several bequests from his £32,400 estate, Mr. J. W. Stephens, merchant, of Lallymer-court, W., left more than £50,000 towards reduction of the National Debt.

**GIRL DID NOT
CARE---SO
HE DIED**

Because a girl he had known only a fortnight did not wish to be more friendly, Lance-Sergeant Mathew William Johns, twenty-one-year-old Welsh Guardsman, shot himself dead.

At the inquest at Southwark, Miss Joyce Constance Bradford, of Amerland Road, Wandsworth, said Johns was happy as a rule during the fortnight she had known him, but now and again was moody.

They were not very good friends when she last saw him. He wanted to be more friendly with her than she was with him.

"Fit And Happy"

Johns shot himself with his rifle at his London billet.

His father, William Thomas Johns, of Jubilee Street, Llan-gram telling of the tragedy, his son was fit and happy. In a letter he received the same day as a telegram telling of the tragedy his son said he was coming home.

The coroner, recording a verdict that Johns took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed, said no blame could be attached to the girl.

**WHISTLES—FIRE
WARNING**

Air raid wardens in Leicester and certain Leicestershire villages are not to blow their whistles when an Alert is sounded.

They will blow them only as a warning that incendiary bombs are falling.

**PROMISE A KISS
FOR HEROES**

TWO LONDON SHOWGIRLS are searching for their unknown soldier-heroes of the blitz. They want to reward them with "a very heartfelt kiss."

They have inquired at barracks and have advertised, but cannot find the men who risked their lives to see one of the girls safely home through one of the heaviest raids on Birmingham.

The girls, blonde Feithlenn McGurk, eighteen, who sings, and dark-eyed Joan Alexis, concertina player and dancer, were appearing in a revue in Birmingham, and Feithlenn had been kept late at the theatre.

"Although the blitz was on," Feithlenn said, "I was anxious to get back to mother and Joan, who had already returned to our hotel."

"Things seemed to get worse as soon as I went into the street. I was terrified until two Tommies asked if they could help."

"One of them made me wear his tin hat and then they hurried me through the blackness."

"Two bombs fell very close and when we heard a third whistling

**HE STUCK TO
HIS STORY ABOUT
HIS EARS**

"What's wrong with your ears, lad?" asked the doctor, examining a newly drafted young man for military service at Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

"Well, doc . . . you see . . . that is . . ." stammered the embarrassed youth, "my ears are so big, I put glue on them so they wouldn't stick out so far."

The young man was rejected—for bad teeth.—Reuter.

**DEAD EARL'S
DAUGHTER!
MADE HIGH
CONSTABLE**

A fifteen-year-old school-girl has become Lord High Constable of Scotland. She also assumes the title Countess of Erroll.

She is Lady Diana Denyse Hay, daughter of the Earl of Erroll, for whose alleged murder Sir Delves Broughton is now on trial at Nairobi.

Josslyn Victor Hay, the twenty-second Earl, was hereditary Lord High Constable of Scotland—an office his ancestors had held for 600 years. Once only has the office been held by a woman, from 1718 to 1758, by Mary Countess of Erroll. It was conferred on the Lords of Erroll by Robert Bruce in 1315, and its holder according to books of reference is "by birth the first subject in Scotland after the Blood Royal."

down they flung me into a corner and threw themselves over me.

Nightmare Journey

"We were almost buried by falling masonry but the boys cleared a way of escape and we went on our way."

"It was a nightmare journey. We had to make detours all the time, and when we got to the hotel it was to find firemen fighting incendiaries."

"One of the soldiers had been slightly injured and was limping, but the other picked me up and ran with me into the hotel. Joan, her great friend, added: 'We can never be grateful enough to them. We made inquiries at local barracks and advertised, but they have not come forward.'"

TORPEDOED SEVEN TIMES BUT HE WON'T SINK

SEVEN TIMES TORPEDOED—but you can't send a good man down. This sums up the adventures—and the spirit—of veteran ship's fireman Walter Kent, fifty-seven, who was among survivors of sunk merchant ships who landed at a Scottish port.

With him were two lads of sixteen, who declared, with Walter Kent: "Of course we are going back to sea. The Germans can't stop us."

Mr. Kent's home is in Percy Road, Northampton. He was four times torpedoed in the last war, so that his "score" in this war is three.

"I'm going to carry on," he said. "I have been lucky, as each time I have escaped serious injury. On this occasion, however, I got a bit of a shock, a knock on the foot."

"My only serious injury at sea happened shortly after the Armistice in the last war, when I fell down the hold and broke my leg."

Mr. Kent's ship carried a crew of forty. All were saved.

A deck boy of sixteen, G. Crowther, of Goole, Yorkshire, a survivor of the same ship, had been sunk once before. That was at Dunkirk.

"At Dunkirk," he said, "my ship was mined. That gave me a bit of a scare, but I soon got over that."

"Nothing the Germans can do is going to keep me off the sea. I have been eighteen months in the Merchant Service, but it has always been my ambition to get into the Navy. I hope it will not be long until I am there."

Captain's Sacrifice

A cabin boy aged sixteen from another ship is D. K. Kennedy, of Glamorgan. He was making his second voyage.

"Of course I'm going back to sea," he said.

"Sixteen of our crew," he added, "are missing, including the master, Captain Nicholls, a Devon man."

"When our ship was torpedoed the captain, although injured, supervised the lowering of the lifeboats and then returned to the bridge to collect the ship's papers."

"The ship went down before he could get back to the boats. Captain Nicholls was later picked up from the sea. He was dying."

Able Seaman Thornton Thomas, of Cothill Road, Liffacombe, added that when Captain Nicholls was dying he tried to give a last message to his wife.

"I know Mrs. Nicholls," he said, "and I am taking the captain's ring, money and private papers to her."

"When the ship sank," Thomas continued, "I managed to clamber on to a raft."

Captain Trail, of Aberdeen, master of another ship, paid a tribute to the quick work of rescue.

OUTNUMBER AXIS IN AIR IN 1942

Britain will achieve air equality with the Axis in 1942. The authority for this is Mr. T. P. Wright, one of the United States leading aircraft production engineers.

Writing in "Aviation," he estimates that by the middle of 1942 Britain would have outstripped the combined air power of the Axis Powers with about 55,000 planes.

Mr. Wright's estimates of our strength are:

AXIS	BRITAIN	U.S.
JANUARY, 1941	25,000	6,000
MID 1941	32,000	10,000
JANUARY, 1942	45,000	16,000
MID 1942	55,000	28,000
END 1942	58,000	48,000

The United States, says Mr. Wright, would have parity with the Axis in the air by the close of 1942, even though the country continued to supply Britain with warplanes.

MEN NOT STERN SEX

Men are not the sterner sex where blood transfusions are concerned—they are much more nervous about it than women, according to Captain H. E. Cooper, Midland Regional organiser of the Blood Transfusion Service.

"I seldom hear of a woman fainting at the hospital," Captain Cooper told a reporter, "but it is fairly common with men."

Captain Cooper told of a man of eighty-three who visited the transfusion centre in Birmingham and offered to become a donor.

He did so because the thought a nurse would be sent to look after him. He had to be told politely that the centre did not supply nurses for volunteers.

"We have a woman of seventy, who has given her blood twice in a year, and a man of seventy-three."

"Many people about sixty actually worry us to have blood taken from them, as they say it makes them feel so much younger and healthier."

"I have suggested that men working on dangerous jobs in this country such as those in the A.F.S.,



Shirley Temple's latest picture is "Young People," the rollicking 20th Century-Fox hit which comes to the King's Theatre. "Young People" stars Jack Oakie and Charlotte Greenwood with Shirley in a picture packed with laughs and songs.

DUTCH CAPTAIN WAS HERO

Captain Arie Karlsdorp, a Dutch sea captain, played an heroic part in the rescue of 320 British refugee children and 300 other passengers from the torpedoed liner Volendam, in the Atlantic, some months ago.

The skipper, now at St. John, New Brunswick, has heard from London that he has been awarded the Bronze Cross of the Netherlands Government.

should have the number of their blood group tattooed on their body to save time in finding it should they require an immediate transfusion."

LED TO SLAUGHTER IN RUMANIAN RIOTS

(From A Special Correspondent)

I BELIEVE THAT this is the first eye-witness account to reach the outside world of the Iron Guard horror in Rumania. It was necessary for me to come to Sofia to send out details of the revolt, because the Bucharest censorship refused to pass anything but milk-and-water versions of the insurrection.

The tale is one of unrelieved horror—a record of fiendish brutality without precedent in the history of Rumania and history of any other country.

Between 4,000 and 6,000 persons were killed in Bucharest alone, while the death toll for Rumania as a whole was somewhere between 9,000 and 12,000. These are conservative estimates based on conversations with competent military and police officials and surgeons who have no reason to exaggerate the magnitude of the slaughter.

Of the 4,000 or more lives lost in Bucharest approximately 2,000 were rebel Guards, 600 soldiers and 1,400 civilians.

Women Burned Alive

At least 1,000 of the latter were Jews who were murdered by one Iron Guard army, while another battled with the khaki-clad Rumanian army in the centre of the city.

Dozens of Jews—women and children, as well as men—were literally burned alive. I am not speaking of those burned to death in hundreds of buildings to which rebel Guards set fire, but only of those who were beaten senseless in the streets, robbed, then doused with petrol and set on fire.

Trusted friends have told me, and officials have con-

firmed the statement, that there were dozens of cases of sadistic mutilations.

Perhaps the most horrifying single episode of the pogrom was the "kosher" butchering of more than 200 Jews in a municipal slaughter-house. The Jews, who had been rounded up after several hours of Iron Guard raids, were put into trucks and carried off to the slaughter-house.

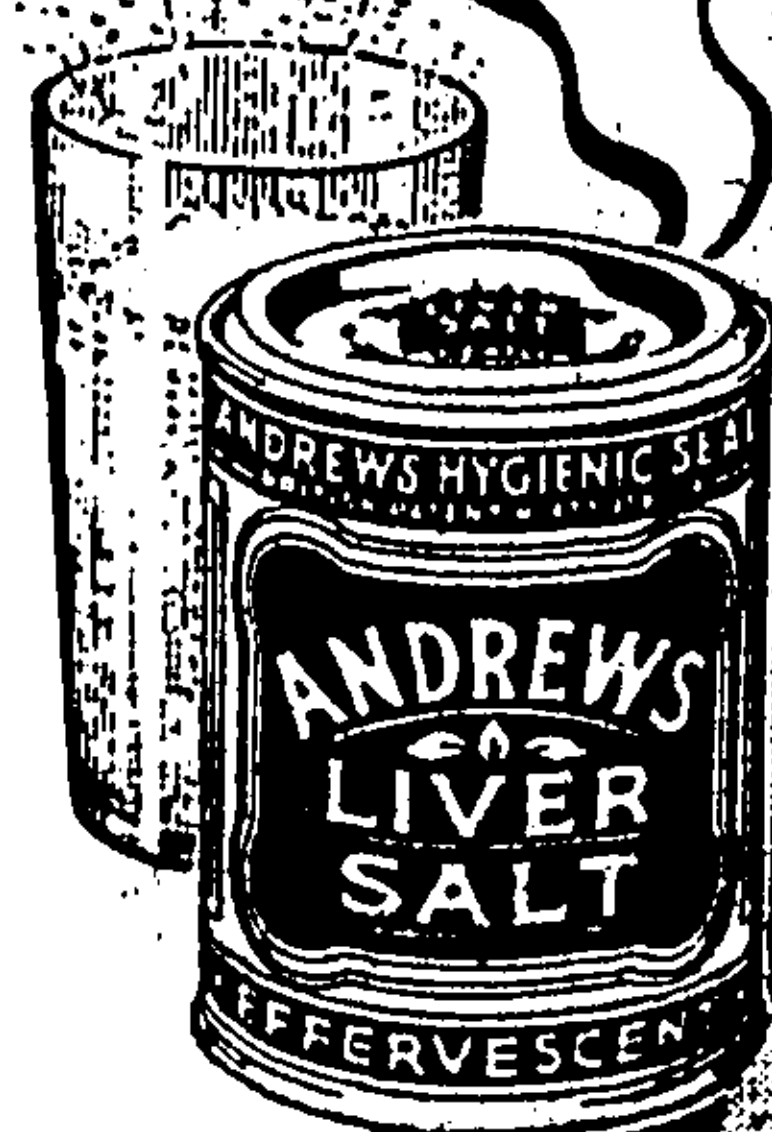
Led To Chopping

There Greenshirts forced them to undress and led them to chopping blocks where they cut their throats in a horrible parody of the traditional Jewish methods of slaughtering fowls and livestock.

Tiring of this sport after a few score had been thus despatched, 40 to 50 armed legionaries, mad with hate, beheaded the rest with axes and knives.

The only other episode comparable with the slaughter-house massacre, in point of numbers only, was the mass execution in a field near Jilava prison of 160 Jewish leaders who had been imprisoned in the office of the Jewish community at Coleadu-

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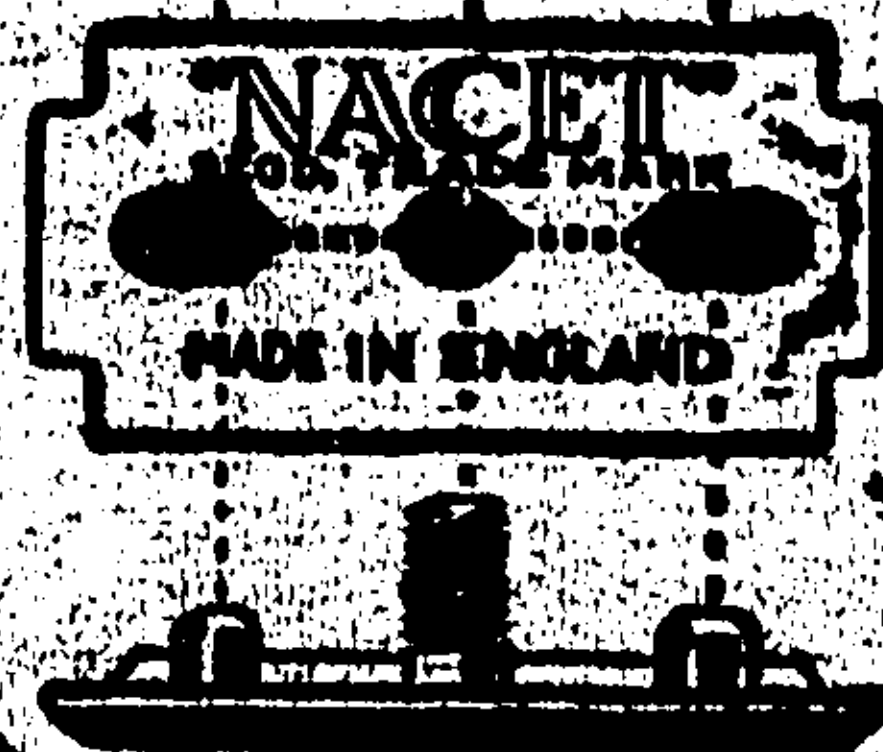
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"WEATHER TOO BAD"

Many people ask why German aircraft are heard overhead on nights when the weather is reported to be too bad for our bombers to operate over Germany.

Raids over Germany are planned for every night, and the decision to cancel one is never taken without the greatest reluctance.

There are a number of reasons why our bombers may be grounded. Compared with the R.A.F., the Luftwaffe has certain advantages. The Germans have a large number of alternative bases, within easy striking distances of this country, in the countries which they now occupy, and in the event of bad weather in the Channel or over the French coast it is simple for them to operate from bases in Holland and Belgium instead.

The R.A.F., on the other hand, has not the same wide choice of alternative bases, and in really bad weather flying from some of the aerodromes might be severely restricted.

The R.A.F. has too, a much deeper penetration to effect, except on such targets as the "invasion ports" and the like, than have the Germans. At any time, but particularly in poor flying weather, these longer flights automatically involve greater risks. It is also the case that for a flight occupying, say, seven hours, there will reasonably be more doubt in forecasting changes in the weather than for a short "trip" of only two or three hours.

Our aircraft might set off for Berlin in ideal conditions, only to find on their return that fog had come up while they were away and had hidden their base. In such circumstances, they would be diverted to other areas free from fog. It would only be when the meteorological forecast showed general fog conditions over this country that an operation would be called off on that account.

The policy of the R.A.F. is to attack definite military objectives, the bombing and destruction of which will effect the enemy's war effort. For that reason, the weather over target areas in Germany, or wherever else the objective may be is also of great importance to us. To fly seven hundred miles out, only to find "ten-tenths" cloud which would prevent the location of any objective, is largely a waste of effort.

The test, therefore, to be applied to every case is this: Is the result likely to be worth the risk? Here it is that our policy differs from that of the Germans. They appear to be content to send over aircraft to bomb haphazard and indiscriminately. It is certain that, already, on some of the nights they have come over, their pilots and bomb-aimers have been unable to see anything at all of the ground below them, let alone pick out particular objectives for attack.

How many of these aircraft are lost and fail to return, or how many manage to return only to crash because the weather has "closed in" over their base, the Germans, of course, never reveal. But it is safe to assume that some must be lost for those reasons in these bad weather raids. They are heavy payment for any damage which may be done.

COPIED MONKEY ON A STRING

A WOMAN WHO WAS FOUND HANGING FROM THE BANISTERS OF HER HOME WAS STATED TO HAVE COPIED A TOY MONKEY WHICH WAS HANGING FROM A PIECE OF STRING NEAR HER.

She was Mrs. Muriel Parker, aged thirty-nine, wife of an R.A.F. corporal, and housekeeper to Dr. Winifred Symonds, of Hitchin, Herts.

A policeman stated at the inquest that the monkey had been hanging from the banisters for a long time. "It appeared to me that Mrs. Parker copied the position," he added. The coroner said Mrs. Parker had left a note apologising for the trouble she had caused. He recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed.

BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 33

By The Four Aces

To-day's swindle hand started a rather acrimonious debate, but there really wasn't any reason for it:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 9 4
♥ K Q J 10 6
♦ K J 9 8 3
♣ 6

♠ 8 5
♥ A 8 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ Q J 10 7

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♠ A K Q J 10 6 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South overbid his hand from start to finish, of course, but his partner forgave him when he brought home the bacon. West led the Queen of clubs, and South took the club Ace and drew two rounds of trumps. Then he led the ten of diamonds, playing the King from dummy. East took the Ace of diamonds and, convinced that South had misguessed a diamond finesse, returned a diamond. Naturally, South won the rest and then the fun began.

The anguished moan let out by West when his Ace of hearts failed to tally could have been heard ten miles away. And East, in a hurry to defend himself, claimed that South had "coffeehoused" him. (That term comes from the early days of Whist, when the players in coffeehouses were usually very unethical.) East said that South had perceptibly hesitated before playing dummy's King of Diamonds, as though wondering whether to let the ten ride or put up the King. South insisted that the hesitation had been only his natural measured pace, and suggested that East get himself a well oiled stop watch to help him play the game.

All this discussion may have been amusing, but it was pointless. The moment South made a diamond play, he admitted (to anyone who took the trouble to think rather than count split seconds) that he didn't have the Ace of hearts. If South held the heart Ace, he'd use the hearts to discard his diamonds instead of tackling the diamonds first. East should therefore have returned a heart instead of the diamond.

Yesterday you were David Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K 6 4 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q J 9 3 2
♣ 8

The bidding:
Jacoby 1♥ Burnstone 1♠ Schenken 2♥ You (7)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have fine support for a spade contract and must show your partner the chance for what may be a profitable sacrifice. The opponents probably have the bulk of the high-card strength, but your good distribution may largely offset that.

Score: 100% for two spades, 20% for three diamonds, 0 for pass.

Question No. 683

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby 1♥ Burnstone 1♠ Schenken 2♥ You 3♥ (7)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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If life were just a song and dance the gay young blade allows as how he'd be the outstanding success of the world.

BOMBING WITHOUT BOMBS

Synthetic training—that is to say, the imitation of conditions in the air by means of devices on the ground—has produced many ingenious contrivances. Bomb-aimers, for instance, learn their job in an A.M.L. Teacher, the most curious feature of which is a horizontal cinema screen, the projector being directed down upon it from above.

Imagine a darkened room about twelve feet square, with a gallery about eight feet above the floor running along one wall. Up in the gallery sits the bomb-aimer in a compartment which gives him a clear view of the floor below. Behind him sits the pilot. Alongside them stands the instructor. The floor itself is the cinema screen, on which is thrown a film taken from an aeroplane and showing the ground as it appears when flying at, say, 10,000 feet. Slowly the ground slips away, and looking down upon the screen from the gallery one gets a perfect illusion of flying. It is like those early cinema theatres which showed a film taken from the front of a railway train. As the country flashes past, you felt that you yourself were travelling.

The instructor points with the wand to a distant part of the moving landscape, to an objective which is to be "bombed". The bomb-aimer begins to guide the pilot exactly as he would in the air in order to bring the aircraft over the target. "Left a little—left," he says. The pilot shifts his controls, which are connected with the film projector, and the "ground" slides a little to the right while the synthetic aircraft up in the gallery appears to be turning left. Now the bomb-aimer is getting his sight on the objective. "Right—straight ahead," he warns the pilot, and the "ground" again responds to the pilot's controls. A sudden red flash in the bomb-aimer's cockpit shows that he has "released" his bombs. Actually he releases nothing; but during the time it takes a bomb to fall ten thousand feet the "ground" keeps moving. The objective approaches two concentric rings—the inner one about an inch in diameter—painted in black on the floor. Abruptly, at the moment when the bomb would hit, the film stops. If the bomb-aimer has done his work accurately the objective will be exactly super-imposed on the two rings.

But the novice, of course, cannot learn accuracy all at once. Perhaps the objective finishes several inches from the rings. The "bomb" has missed by several hundreds of yards. The instructor points out where the bomb-aimer went wrong—perhaps he guided the pilot incorrectly, perhaps he bombed too early or too late. So the film is run through again, and they do the run-up once more. The objective may be changed, but the lesson is repeated until the bomb-aimer has mastered his task.

WIFE MURDERER REPRIEVED

The Home Secretary has recommended a reprieve for James Robinson, a soldier who was sentenced to death at Manchester Assizes for the murder of his thirteen-year-old wife.

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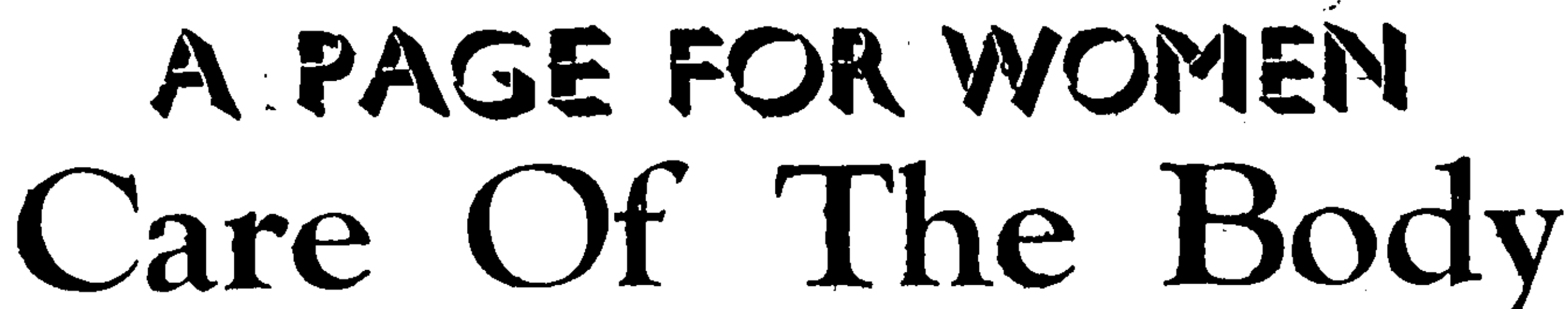


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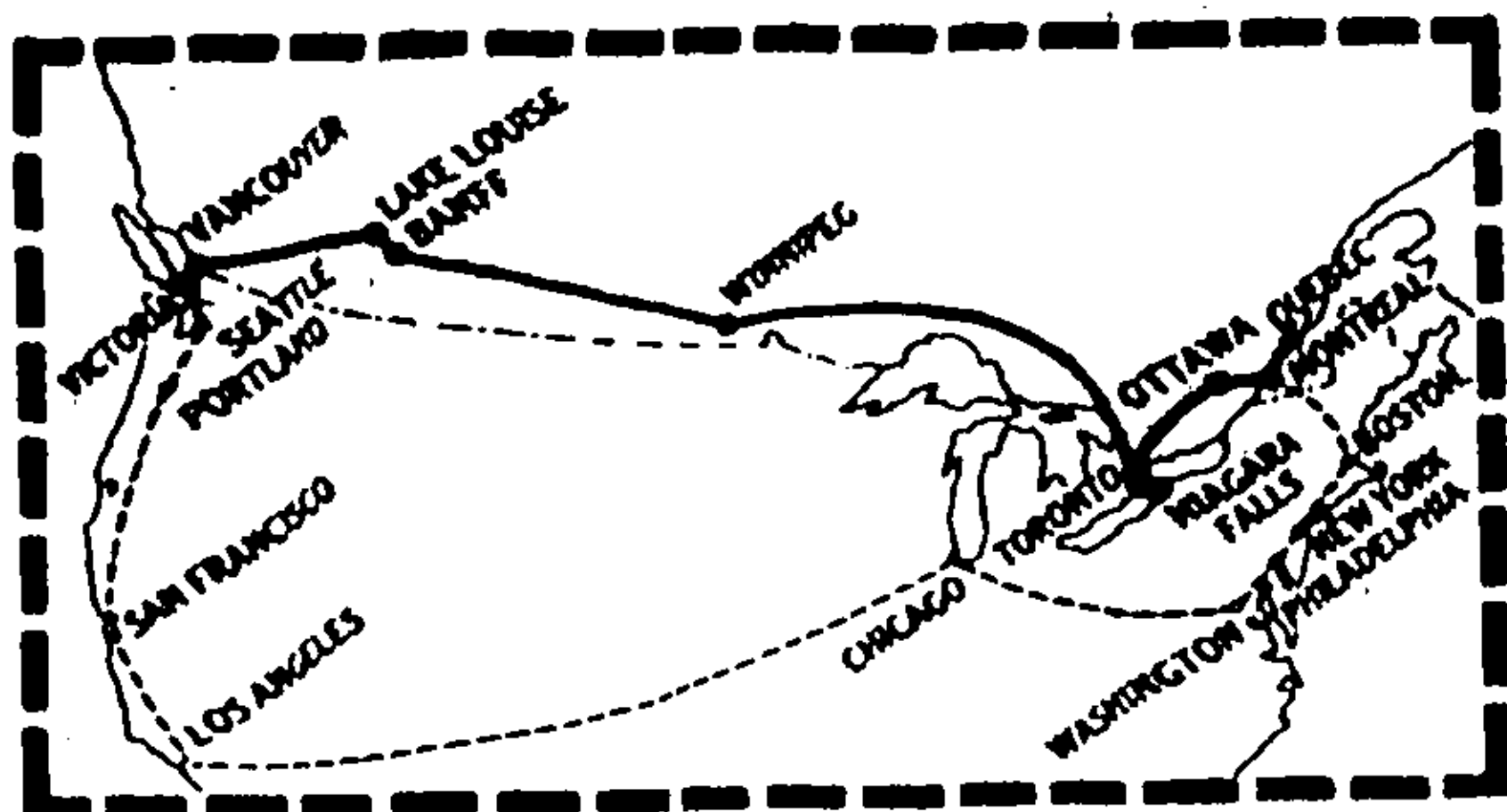
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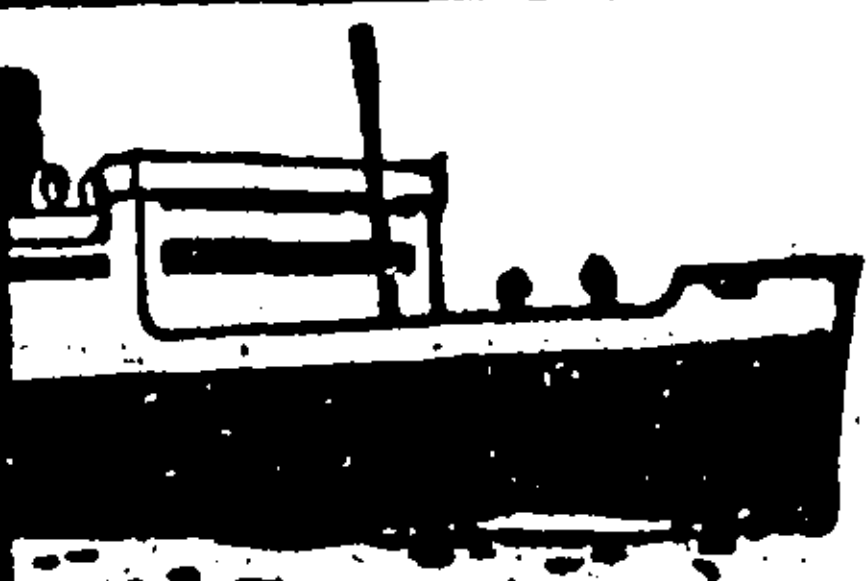
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Sandakan	1.30 p.m.
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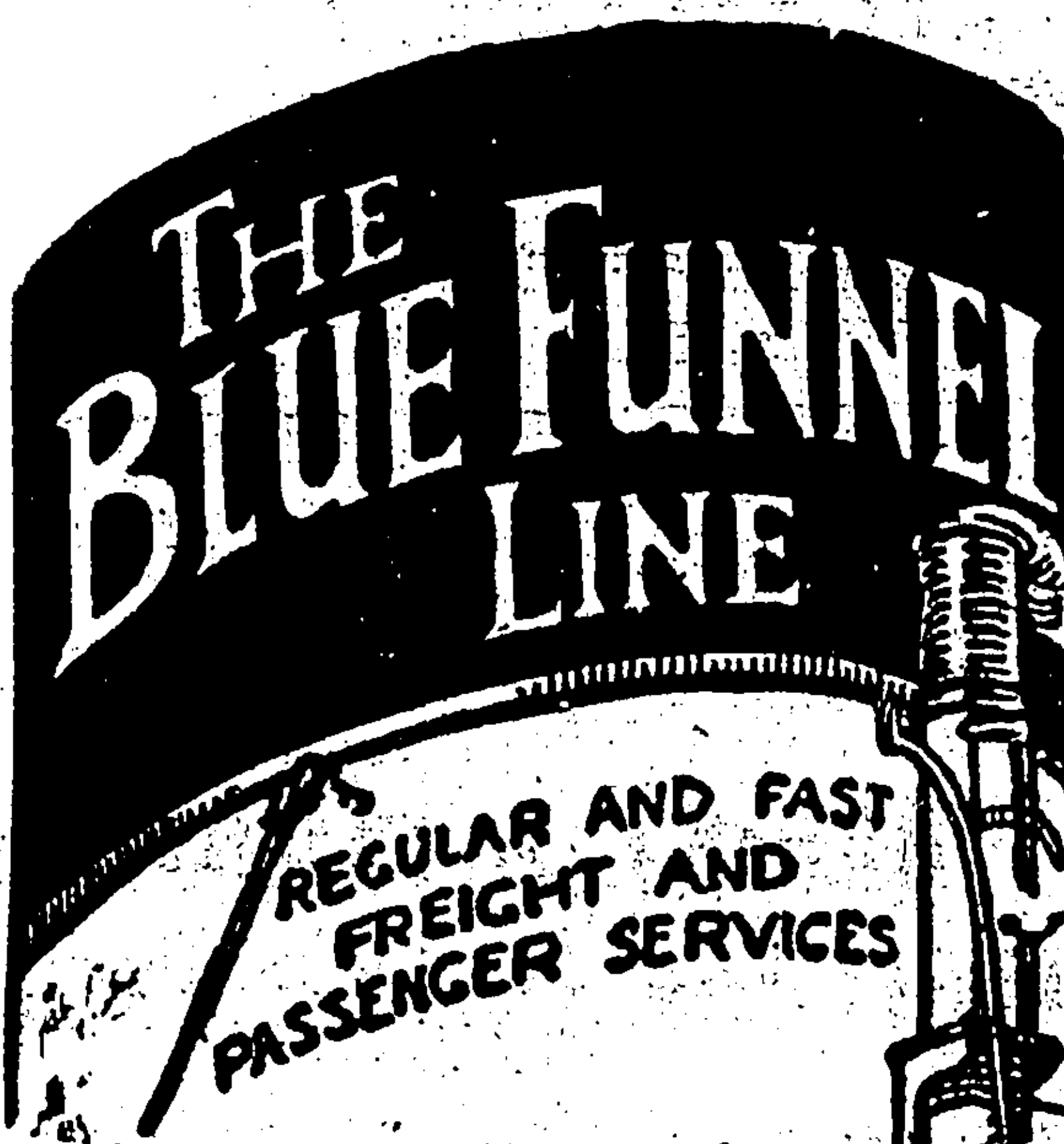
THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 p.m.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Don Rico and His Gypsy Girls' Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.15 p.m.—Variety with The Andrews Sisters, Alec Templeton and Eddie Peabody.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Johann Strauss.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
3.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
3.15 p.m.—An Orchestral Programme with Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).
3.30 p.m.—Springtime Serenade (Heykens)! The Balkan Princess—Valse (Rubens) Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
3.45 p.m.—My Mother Bids Me Blind My Hair (Haydn) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano. Ballet Suite (Poppy) Grand Concert Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—Mocking Fairy (Besly); The Almond Tree (Schumann) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano.
4.15 p.m.—Close down.
4.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
4.45 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.
5.00 p.m.—London... Relay—Special Broadcast to British Forces in the Far East.
5.15 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
5.30 p.m.—A Short Recital by Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).
5.45 p.m.—Love's Joy (Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano; Even bravest heart (from 'Faust'—Gounod)... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra; Love's Sorrow (Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano; Oh, Star of Eve! ('Tannhauser'—Wagner)... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra; A May Breeze ('Songs without words'—Mendelssohn)... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano.
6.00 p.m.—Sibelius—Symphony No. 1 in E Minor; Op. 39.
6.15 p.m.—1st Mov: Andante ma non troppo leading to Allegro energico; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Scherzo; 4th Mov: Finale... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Robert Kajanus.
6.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.00 p.m.—Local Sports Results.
7.15 p.m.—A Debussy Programme.
7.30 p.m.—Feux D'Artifice (Extract from 'Prelude' 2nd Book)... Marcel Clampi (Piano); Nuit D'Etolles... Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano and Organ; Menuet... Pablo Casals ('Cello' with Piano; Petite Suite—En Bateau—Cortège—Menuet—Ballet... Symphony Orchestra; Arabesque No. 1 in E... Marguerite Long (Piano).
7.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—'Music Hall'.
8.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.30 p.m.—Wishing (film 'Love Affair'); Quickstep—Sing, My Heart (film 'Love Affair')... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Honky Tonk Train Blues; Blues Upstairs and Downstairs... Joe Loss & His Orchestra. Tango—South of the Border; Quickstep—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East side of Heaven')... Jack Harris & His Orch. Fox-Trots—Oh! What a Lovely Dream; Punctinello (both from 'Music in my heart')... Abe Lyman & His Californians. Waltz—If You Hadn't Asked Me To Dance; Fox-Trot—When the Blackbird Says Bye-Bye... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Frenesi; Adios, Mariquita Linda... Artie Shaw & His New Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Half-Way Down the Street; Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile at You... Oscar Rabin & His Band. Tangos—On Wings of Dreams; Hours and Days... Eugen Wolff & His Orch. Fox-Trots—Don't Make Me Laugh; No Souvenirs... Jack White & His Band. Waltz—Bella Bambina... Billy Cotton & His Band.
12.00 p.m.—Close down.



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Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 4th April, 1941.

RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION
There will be no medical examination on Fri. 11th April.

ANNUAL WEAPON TRAINING COURSES-CASUALS

- (a) M.G. Casuals All Units. Sun. 27th Apr. Kowloon City A & B Ranges. 9 a.m.
- (b) Rifle Casuals-Corps Artillery. Sun. 27th Apr. Stonecutter. 9 a.m.
- (c) Rifle Casuals-All Units (less Corps Art.). Sun. 11th May. Kowloon City A & B Ranges. 9 a.m.
- (d) L.G. Casuals-All Units. Sun. 11th May. Stonecutter. 9 a.m.
- (e) These courses are compulsory and disciplinary action will be taken against those who fail to fire.

HOLIDAYS
Corps H. Q. will be closed on the following dates except for matters of a very urgent nature.
Fri. 11th April to 9 a.m. Tues. 15th April.

CORPS ORDERS
Corps Orders will be published on Thur. 10th Apr. Os.C. Units should send in their orders by Wed. evening 9 Apr.

PARADES

- (a) Corps Artillery. Qualification—3rd Battery: Layers (Qualified or requalified): Sgt. P. K. M. Patten, Sgt. F. L. Thomas, Sgt. N. Spence, Sgt. G. G. Davis, Gnr. G. S. Edwards, Gnr. M. A. Wahab, Gnr. M. W. Mok, Gnr. P. M. Ma, Gnr. A. K. Marker, Gnr. C. C. Lee, Gnr. L. K. Kwok and Gnr. E. R. Markar. Range Finders (Qualified or requalified): Bdr. C. Dragon, Gnr. H. A. Souza, Sgt. G. L. Eastgate and Gnr. L. Heung. Searchlight Operators Class 3 (Qualified or requalified): Sgt. G. E. L. Johnson, Bdr. V. Bouch, Gnr. C. L. Choy, Gnr. M. J. Delgado, Gnr. F. C. Chan, Gnr. L. K. Ho and Gnr. K. L. Kwok.

Dress for All Day Parades:—1, 2, 3 & 4th Btys. S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web-equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug to be brought. 5th A.A. Bty. S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, web-equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate, mug to

be brought.
1st Battery. Tues. 8th Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. Battery firing at D'Agular. Thurs. 10th Apr. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed. Night range at Stanley. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, web belt. Thurs. 10th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Signaller Class. Dress—Muffl.

2nd Battery. Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Right Sec. and D.E.L. Sec. Kit inspection. Dress—Muffl. All clothing, equipment and books issued must be brought, properly marked. Those members of L. Sec. and B.O.P. Staff whose kit was not inspected on 3.4.41 must also attend. Thurs. 10th Apr.: (i) Left Sec. Belchers. 9 a.m. Gun drill, dummy loader and classes. (ii) D.E.L. Sec. D.E.L. School. 9 a.m. D.E.L. training. (iii) All Secs. H.Q. for Bluff Head. 2.15 p.m. Half day training. All rifle-slings and pull-throughs are to be handed in to the B.Q.M.S. forthwith. All specialist certificates must be handed in for checking and endorsement.

3rd Battery. Thurs. 10 Apr. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. All Secs. for Aberdeen. 4th Battery. Tues. 8th Apr. H.Q. 8 a.m. All Secs. General Battery drill and instructions.

5th A.A. Battery. Tues. 8th Apr.: (i) H.Q. 8.30 a.m. No. 1 Sec. Full day training at Salwan. (ii) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Kit inspection. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers. Leather belt and boots. All other issued equipment in kit bag. Thurs. 10th Apr.: (i) H.Q. 8.30 a.m. No. 2 Sec. Full day training at Salwan. (ii) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Kit inspection. Dress as for No. 2 Sec. on 8th Apr.

(b) Field Company Engineers. Mon. 7th Apr. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Muffl. Thurs. 10th Apr. K.C.R. 8.30 a.m. Technical exercise in New Territories. Dress—Battle Order.

(c) Corps Signals. Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 5.15 p.m.: (i) Classification Group. Morse training. (ii) Remainder. Lamp signalling.

Wed. 9th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m.: (i) Classification Group. Special training. (ii) Remainder. Area communication tests. (iii) Evening parade. 5.15 p.m. Signal training as detailed. Lecture. Fri. 11th Apr. No parade.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN. Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.: (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Plns. S.A.T. Rifle Lessons 2-4. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Plns. Musketry revision. (iii) No. 5 Pln. S.A.T. Rifle Lesson 2, 4

and 6. (lb) Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Driving test. (v) Dress. All Plns. Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

Wed. 9th Apr. Hung Hom: 8 a.m. All Plns. Exercise in New Territories. Dress—Battle Order, R.T.R. Caps. Vehicle and working party 7.30 a.m.—No. 1 Pln. and No. 3 Sec., No. 4 Pln.

Fri. 11th Apr. No parade. (e) NO. 1 COMPANY. Sun. 6th Apr. Stonecutters. L.G. Table D. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m. Dress—Uniform, drill order.

Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 8 a.m. All day training at Fanling. Dress as usual. Greatcoat will be brought. Tues. 8th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Fri. 11th Apr. No parade. Mon. 14th Apr. No parade. (f) NO. 2 COMPANY. Tues. 8th Apr. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 9th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training. Fri. 11th Apr. No parade.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY. Sun. 6th Apr. Stonecutters. L.G. Classification. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m. Dress—Cap, cardigan, shorts, web equipment.

Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 2.20 p.m. Dress as before. Thurs. 10th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY. Tues. 8th Apr. Recruits and those detailed from classes 9 and 10. Murray Parade Ground. 4.15 p.m.

Wed. 9th Apr. H.Q. 8.45 a.m. Half day training. Dress—Battle Order—S.D. caps. (i) NO. 5 COMPANY. Mon. 7th Apr. K.C.R. Kowloon Station. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

Tues. 8th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. Secs. T.O.E.T. Tests 3 and 4. L.G. Secs. Elementary Mechanism. (j) NO. 6 COMPANY. There will be no parade next week.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY. Mon. 7th Apr. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. instruction. Probable stoppages. 1st position.

Fri. 11th Apr. All day training. H. K. men. H.Q. 7.30 a.m. Kowloon Men. K.C.R. Station. 8 a.m. Dress—Fighting Order. S.D. cap.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORP COMPANY. Sun. 6th Apr.—Sat. 12th Apr. inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered.

Daily duty officer as detailed. Tues. 8th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 Those detailed. L.G. instruction Class.

Thurs. 10th Apr. H.Q. 5.25 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. L. G. Tests (Transport Section) Lecture (Supplies Section) Complete company attendance compulsory.

Sun. 20th Apr. All day exercise, details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE. Wed. 9th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, boots, puttees, horse tops, webbing belt.

(n) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY. Wed. 9th Apr. Exchange Build-

ing. 2.30 p.m. Manning training as detailed.

6. CORPS ORDER AMENDMENT (a) Corps Orders No. 21/41 dated 21.3.41.

Para. 6. LEAVE. For leave granted to Lieut. C. Austin to read "5.4.41-25.7.41" and not as stated. For leave granted to Gnr. H. N. Williamson to read "4.4.41-24.7.41" and not as stated.

(b) Corps Order No. 23/41 dated 28.3.41. Para. 8 STRENGTH-INCREASE. For "No. DR313 Signm. W. Fleming" to read "No. 4830 Signm. W. Fleming."

9. APPOINTMENT. Captain F. Burje is appointed Corps Medical Officer w.e.f. 4.4.41.

10. PROMOTION. 4316, Gnr. J. A. V. Hart-Davis, 2nd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 4.4.41.

11. STRENGTH-DECREASE. 1940, Cpl. D. K. Paul, Fd. Ambulance, 15.3.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps, 1. SERGEANTS' MESS. The wearing of white Mess Dress is optional.

2. SERGEANT MESS. Will all members please note that to expedite alterations the Mess will be closed for use on the following days.
Saturday 5th April.
Sunday 6th April.
Monday 7th April.

AFFILIATED UNIT. Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. 1. FRI. 11.4.41.

2. LEAVE. For leave granted to Mrs. A. Buxton published in Corps Orders No. 7/41 dated 7.2.41. to read 15.4.41-31.12.41 and not as stated. Sgd. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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THIEF OF BAGDAD

Film fans ran out of superlatives after they saw "The Thief of Bagdad," United Artists' technicolour film, which is rated the biggest Box Office draw ever to have come to Far Eastern shores. Even the most conservative of Hong Kong's conservative film fans could not find words to express their delight after they had seen the picture when it was presented at the King's Theatre a short time ago.

Since then "The Thief" has stolen its way into the hearts of picture-goers in Singapore, Manila, Shanghai, Calcutta, Bombay, Colombo and Macao where all records were broken despite roadshow prices.

But Vic Hugo got into a huddle with the Far Eastern representative of the United Artists Corporation and as a result "The Thief of Bagdad" will be shown at the Oriental Theatre at popular prices for the first time.

The picture is booked for a short season at the Oriental beginning next Wednesday.

TRAMS SPOILS BLACK-OUT

The German military authorities have ordered trams at The Hague to stop running after dark. It was said that the trams threw off such long sparks that they acted as guides for British aircraft at night.

TSUI PLAYS COOL GAME TO BEAT PAUL KONG

Grim Struggle Between Choa And A. Crawford

Pagh No Match For H.D. Rumjahn

By "Adrem"

PLAYING A BETTER GAME of tennis than his more experienced club-mate, Tsui Yan-pui yesterday defeated Paul Kong in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-4, before a small crowd on the Stand Court at Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Colony Singles tennis championship.

Tsui was never seriously extended although Kong put up a better game than the scores would indicate, especially in the second set when he scored some very good points as the result of clever placements.

Kong started with service but dropped the first game in which he double-faulted once. He took the next game, however, and then won his own service to lead 2-1. In this game, particularly, Kong brought off some excellent shots.

From this point, however, Tsui asserted himself and took four games off the reel to take the set. Kong's game deteriorated somewhat after the fourth game and he furnished little opposition, while Tsui was beginning to find his length.

Better Tennis

The second set produced better tennis than the first, though it was quite obvious that Tsui had got the measure of his opponent.

As in the first set, Kong started with service which he lost, and each player took a game alternately until the scores were tied at 4-all, when Tsui won two in a row for the set and match.

In the fifth game Kong, on his own service, held advantage point four times before he could force it to game to lead for the first time in this set.

While Kong appeared over-anxious, Tsui played a cool game throughout and showed very good judgment. His clever placements caught Kong with the wrong foot forward on several occasions, though it must also be mentioned that Kong scored a number of points through clever courtcraft.

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TENNIS RESULTS

OPEN SINGLES
Tsui Yan-pui beat Paul Kong 6-2, 6-4.
George Choa beat A. Crawford 6-0, 3-0, 6-4.
H. D. Rumjahn beat M. Pagh 6-3, 6-7.
S. A. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack 6-0, 6-0.

SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY TO-DAY

Despite the evacuation which has caused the abandonment of the Ladies' Hockey League this season, various clubs have been keeping the sport alive with friendly matches and the committee of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association will to hold the Annual seven-a-side tournament on the Club ground this afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.

Seven teams will take part though it is difficult to forecast the winner. St. Andrew's, who are entering two teams, are the favourites in view of their performances in the friendly games.

Hong Kong Ladies will probably be the strongest challengers to the Saints, while Argonauts, the Brawn Cup holders, may cause an upset.

Following are the teams:—
ST. ANDREW'S:—two teams to be chosen from the following: Miss J. Hall, Miss M. da Roza, Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong, Miss P. Lang, Miss B. Greaves, Miss L. Cross, Mrs. Wilson, Miss G. Darby, Mrs. A. Zimmern, Miss M. Churn, Miss B. Fitzgerald, Miss H. May and Miss F. Wong.

HONG KONG LADIES:—Miss E. Gray, Miss M. McCaw, Miss R. Smith and Mrs. Daziel; Miss M. Booker, Miss J. Booker and Miss Smalley.

ARGONAUTS:—Miss P. Xavier and Miss R. Xavier; Mrs. P. Figueiro and Miss M. Silva; Miss I. Mathias, Miss I. Xavier and Miss M. Maxwell.

RECREIO:—Miss Z. Barros, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss N. Osmuand, Miss D. Gonsalves, Miss M. Figueiro, Miss M. Campos and Miss N. Gonsalves.

C.B.A.:—to be chosen from the following: Miss N. Wittell, Miss P. Woolley, Miss J. Kew, Miss S. Gehring, Mrs. I. Joyce, Miss R. Stalker, Miss P. Baxter, Mrs. J. Crawford and Miss E. Woolley.

D.G.S.:—Not available.

CHARITY BASKETBALL GAMES TO-DAY

Two basketball games, in aid of charity, will be played this afternoon between teams from Macao and South China Athletic Association at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

The first game starting at 3.30 p.m. is between an all star girls' team from Macao and South China's girls team, which recently won the championship.

The other game will be between Macao and South China at 4.30 p.m.

BADMINTON RESULTS

Following were yesterday's badminton Championship results:

JUNIOR SINGLES
T. S. Young beat P. A. Yvanovich 15-5, 15-7.

A. L. Fisher beat J. L. Anderson 15-7, 4-15, 15-10.

SENIOR DOUBLES
H. F. Chew and P. K. Hooi beat F. Koh and C. Y. Yung, 15-12, 15-8.

CHESS RESULTS

Latest results of the Junior Chess Championship are:—To Yee-lau beat Un Kwai-yung; J. Grefalda beat V. V. Kolatchoff; To Yee-lau beat W. Lee; E. M. Petrov beat W. Lee; To Yee-lau beat J. Tausz; J. Grefalda drew with A. Birukoff.

The Senior Championship has been won by A. Karpovitch, who beat E. Zimmern in his last match.

SOFTBALL

SAINTS SHOULD WIN TITLE TO-MORROW

By "Grandstand"

THE MEN'S SENIOR loop will be officially wound up to-morrow afternoon, when St. Joseph's tangle with the Recreo Aces, at 12.15 p.m., in their final drive for the pennant, and judging by their convincing victory over the Indian Softballers last week, they will start with the odds in their favour to take the Recs for a buggy ride.

Although fans scoff at a possible upset by the Aces, mentor "Choppy" Omar is determined not to allow the old Recreo 'jinx' to work this time, and will probably start Charlie Manson on the mound instead of Frankie Gon-sales. This step is no surprise, as it is generally admitted that Gon-sales' pitches are just the type to suit the Rambling Recs' type of bunt plays, whilst Charlie Manson has a speedier ball, which the Aces will not find to be easy pickings. The chief factor in favour of the Collegians is their heavier stick-work, which has time and again proved to be of major importance.

Recs' Team Weakened

In the fielding department, the depleted Recreo team is definitely weaker, especially their centre axis, by which is meant the battery, the keystone pair and the centre-fielder. Lined-up on the Collegian side for the pay-off game will be Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard at the initial sack, with "Ozo" Ozorio and George Souza stamping around the middle cushion, whilst Dave (the Bam) will be holding the hot corner. Hank "Showboat" All, Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain and Sonny Cruz will probably be patrolling the gardens.

Out For Upset

Although conceding that the Collegians have the edge on them in this tussle, mentor Riri Noronha will go all out to tumble the Saints in their final game. Gerry Gosano will probably draw the pitching assignment, with former pitching ace Johnnie Alvares in reserve, whilst veteran Charlie Figueiro will be working behind the plate.

Nick Beltrao will guard first base, with Caco Marques holding the keystone and Tony "Peewee" Alves plugging up the windy alley. It is not yet decided who will keep the far turn. Umpires selected for this important clash are Nip Lum behind the plate, with Bill Woo and Bob Laurel taking care of the bases.

Unless the arbitrators dish out a better brand of umpiring than last week, the theme song is likely to be "three blind mice."

Lumen Favoured

At 11.00 a.m. the Chinese Baseballers take on Dave Amper's Filipinos. In spite of the fact that the Lumen started off the season poorly, their recent return to form should justify their hopes of finishing in the first division of the loop. Chinese Baseballer battery will be speedball Den Cray and Nip Lam, whilst Amper will start on the slab for the Islanders with Bob Laurel receiving.

"Sunburn" Omar, Welford and Bill Woo are down to officiate this tilt.

Inter-Hong League

After a prolonged suspension of over two months, the Inter-Hong circuit will be revived when the Shell Oilers clash with the Lacas in to-morrow's curtain raiser at the Kowloon Football Club Ground at 9.45 a.m.

Although the Hong Kong Bankers have won the Championship with five straight victories, Lacas will be fielding a full turnout in an effort to share runner-up honours with the Oilers, the latter being assured of second place.

Comprising most of the Indian Senior League squad, Lacas present a formidable nine to give any team a hard time. Provided the Oilers turn out in full, the game should be very even. Shell battery will be Blimby Ablong and Hal Winglee, whilst the infield will be made up of Henry "Tubby" de Sa, Josin "Man Mountain" Remedios, George Guterres, Nat Spencer and A. R. Kitchell. Ballbreakers will be Coney Pereira, Buster-Poon and Bonnie Wahab.

Portugal Trial

At 10.30 a.m. the Recreo Club C. Juniors will be the venue of a

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Outsider:—Heddon

Race No. 2

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GALLANT MARSHAL
NEW BEDFORD
Outsider:—Plain View

Race No. 3

NATIONAL ANTHEM
BLACK DIAMOND
CUBAN LOVE
Outsider:—Mac's Adventure

Race No. 4

LOVELY STAR
NIGHT EXPRESS
BLUE FIELD
Outsider:—Sylvandale

Race No. 5

FAIRY OUSEL
SHANGHAI 4
MEADOW EVE
Outsider:—Victory Life

Race No. 6

THE SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS
THE MERMAID
NATIONAL TRIUMPH
Outsider:—Eagle

tryout for the selection of a team to represent Portugal in the forthcoming International series, whilst the Cardinals, from which most of the Great Britain contingent will be chosen, will tangle with the Canadian Chinese in a warm-up for the series. The latter game is down to start immediately after the St. Joseph — Recreo tilt.

During the week, this corner had the opportunity of examining some of the Wahoo's batting and fielding averages, which revealed some surprising performances.

Yvonne Yolle Tops List

The batting title goes to lead-off hitter Yvonne Yolle for 24 safeties in 54 batting chances to average a neat .444—a figure to compare favourably with any other in the running for the title of batting queen of the ladies circuit.

However, for pure powerhouse hitting the honour goes to hind-slasher Jackie Anderson, whose figure of .778 included four homers, a triple and seven two-baggers. Irene Pereira comes next with .618 including a four-master, three triples and four doubles, but she was struck out four times, which is one short of centre-fielder Bunny Abbas' five.

Here comes surprise number one. Right fielder Lisa Anderson, playing ten games averaged .280 to come next in order compared to a measly .028 returned last year, while hurler Theresa "Big Chief" Noronha, who held the title last year, showed only a disappointing .238 for eight games.

Statistically, Yvonne Yolle gave the best fielding performance with .964 in her 101 chances, but it was Jackie Anderson who handled the most chances with 103 and fielding .930.

Surprise number two—centre fielder Bunny Abbas was placed third with .868, booting only once in nine outfield chances, whilst Jeannette "Blonde" Yolle muffed three out of twenty-five high ones that were pitched out to the left garden.

HUNGARY BEING DRAWN INTO WAR BY NAZIS

Further Light On Suicide Of Count Teleki

Grim Choice Before Budapest

COUNT TELEKI, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is believed to have shot himself because he considered his country was being drawn into a disastrous war on Germany's side.

Latest information reaching Belgrade from the Hungarian capital suggests that immediately after the Yugoslav coup d'état the Nazis demanded active Hungarian military aid against Yugoslavia. As bait they offered Hungary the Banat areas of Yugoslavia.

At the same time Hungary was threatened with dismemberment if she refused.

Violent German diplomatic pressure is reported to have accompanied this demand.

Count Teleki's nerves finally gave way when he perceived that the attitude of the Hungarian military leaders made resistance impossible.

The overwhelming majority of Hungarians certainly oppose any participation in the war.

Count Teleki devoted himself to "the great task awaiting him."—Reuter.

GRAND JURY INDICTS 64 ITALIANS

A Federal Grand Jury at New Orleans yesterday indicted 64 officers and men of two of the Italian ships which were seized on Sunday on a charge of "conspiracy to commit acts against the United States."—Reuter.

BARDOSSY TAKES THE OATH

Dr. Lazlo de Bardossy, the new Hungarian Prime Minister, took the oath to the Regent yesterday morning, according to a Budapest despatch to the Vichy news agency.

Political circles in Germany consider the new Government will continue the same policy as the preceding one, with the 53-year-old Dr. Bardossy, who is a professional diplomat and not a politician, independent and able en-

Troops On The Move

Stunned by Count Teleki's suicide they now look to the Regent, Admiral Horthy, to keep the country neutral, boldly refusing to allow the army to be used for Germany's purposes.

Few realise how close is the danger.

Meanwhile German troops continue to pour through Hungary towards the Yugoslav front line.

SILENT CROWDS YESTERDAY WATCHED LONG LINES OF MECHANISED TRANSPORT DRIVE THROUGH BUDAPEST AS BOMBER FORMATIONS AND TROOP CARRYING PLANES DRONED OVERHEAD.—REUTER.

NEW DESERT WAR LOOMS

(Continued from Page 1)

days, as the Italian and German column advances deeper into the desert, but rational observers will realise that the value of such an advance cannot be measured by yards but by losses in material and manpower."

Wavell Satisfied

Although the announcement of the evacuation of Benghazi was issued at 10 o'clock on Thursday night, cinemas in Cairo were crowded with British troops at midnight, indicating the British Command is satisfied that our effectives in the Western Desert are adequate to deal with any fresh development.

Meanwhile we are continuing to write off Abyssinia very quickly.

Concentration For Battle

"We shall allow the enemy to continue to penetrate eastwards until he reaches a point where we are satisfied we can give battle with an assurance of success."

This statement on the British withdrawal in Libya was made in Cairo yesterday by a high official spokesman who left Benghazi before the last troops.

"It would be senseless to leave our light advanced forces in a forward area, exposed to the strength of the present enemy attack. Therefore they are withdrawing in good order to concentrate in a region of prepared positions."—Reuter.

DEATH

ALVES—At No. 2, York Road on April 5th at 4 a.m., Marie Christine Figueiredo Alves, aged 19 months. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

STOP PRESS

M. Egal, head of the Free French in Shanghai, has been arrested by the French authorities on a charge of aiding French sailors in Shanghai to join General de Gaulle's forces.—Reuter.

Important new legislation under the Defence Regulations, designed to prevent work being interrupted by trade disputes, is announced in the "Government Gazette" this morning.

Main points of the new legislation, known as The Conditions of Employment and Arbitration Order, are:

Employers cannot declare a lock-out, and employees cannot strike, until the dispute has been submitted to the Labour Officer and 21 days have elapsed.

The Order provides that in the meantime an arbitration tribunal be set up. Arbitration is compulsory.

Award of the tribunal must be accepted by both parties in the dispute and there is no appeal.

American rejection of the Axis protests in such clear, sharp terms is very welcome in Washington. It is regarded as fully deserved. The United States' case has not been put a fraction too high, it is considered.

The general public is expected to protest at the seizures but the Nazis' complete disregard of the statutes of the country in which they have been sheltering so long, came as a surprise.

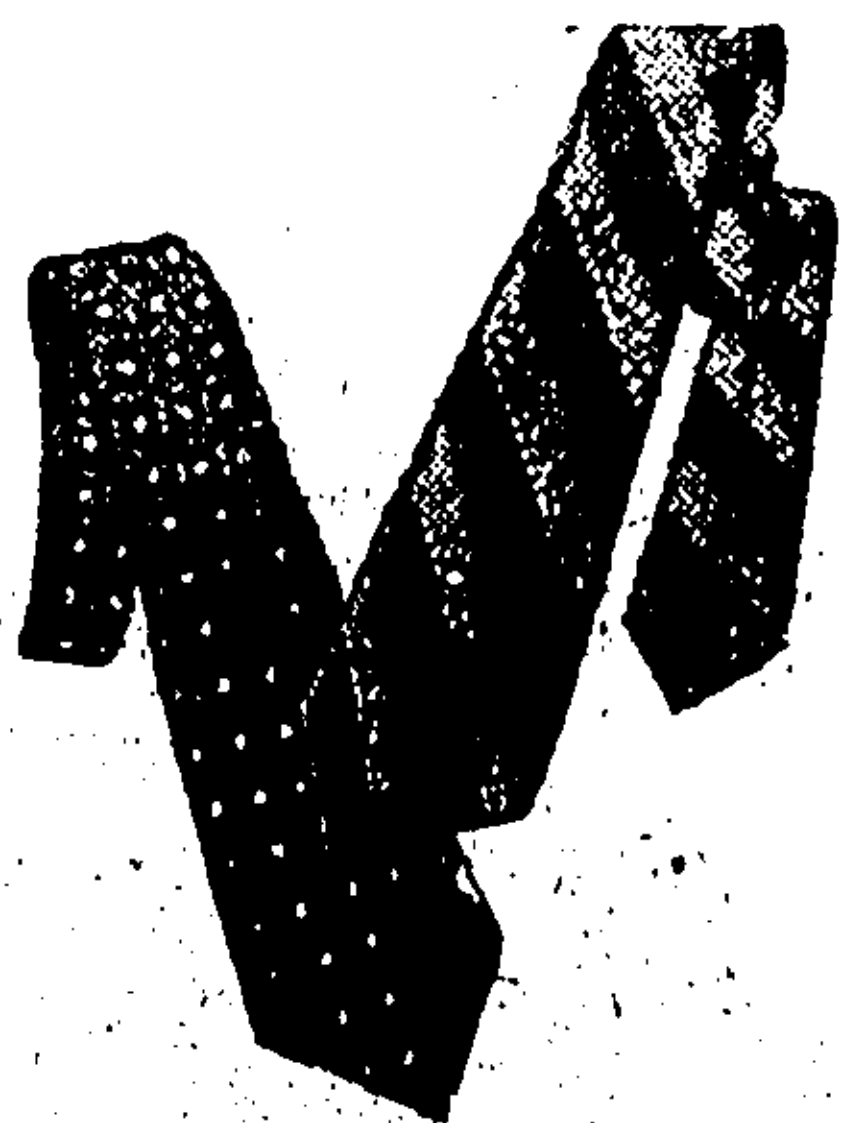
It is thought that the sharpness of the rebuke must inevitably increase German-American tension.

But while there is again talk of the severance of diplomatic relations it is still a fear that momentarily the administration is more likely to leave such a course to the Axis. — Reuter.

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DECISIVE KOTEWALL CUP GAME THIS AFTERNOON

South China Will Not Be At Full Strength

VITAL CRICKET MATCHES TO-DAY

ALTHOUGH THE cricket programme is a somewhat curtailed one, with only two matches in each Division of the League, supported by a friendly, it is, nevertheless, a very important one in that the Senior League Championship may be decided while the final destination of the Junior shield will also be more or less decided.

YESTERDAY'S RIFLE MEETING

Yesterday marked the opening of the first stage of the shoot for the Governor's prize when the annual meeting of H.K. Rifle Association was continued at Kowloon City Rifle Range.

Sergeant Wall, of H.K.P., won the Camberley competition with 32 points, while Mne. Richardson, of Royal Marines, won the Bagshot competition with 32 points.

In the China Fleet Challenge Cup, the Hong Kong Police team was successful.

Following were the results:

Blackdown Competition:—(Class "A"): 1, W. O. Tolhison (R.A.F.) 33 pts.; 2, Sgt. Breese (R.M.) 30 and 3, R. Q. M. S. Hale (1st M'x.) 30. (Class "B"): 1, Cpl. Sher Singh (H.K.P.) 32; 2, Cpl. Narayan Singh (H.K.P.) 30; 3, Lieut. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) 29 and 4, L/Sgt. Leong (H.K.P.R.) 29. (Class "C"): 1, L. A. C. Callaghan (R.A.F.) 30; 2, H. J. S. Blake (D.R.C.) 28; 3, Cpl. Lochrie (2 R.S.) 27 and 4, P. O. Gray (R.A.F.) 27. (Class "D"): 1, Pte. Hickenbottom (2 R.S.) 25 and 2, Cpl. Davis (1st M'x.) 25.

Consolation Prize List:—(Class "A"): 1, Lt. G. Carey (H.K.R.N.V.R.) 29 pts.; 2, R. B. W. Challis (1st M'x.) 29; 3, Mr. N. Whyte (D.R.C.) 29 and 4, Sgt. Wall (H.K.P.) 29. (Class "B"): 1, Cpl. Booker (H.K.V.D.C.) 29; 2, Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 29; 3, Cpl. Gash (R.A.F.) 29 and 4, Pte. Scott (2 R.S.) 29. (Class "C"): 1, Pte. Lipscombe (1st M'x.) 26; 2, L/Sgt. Henderson (2 R.S.) 26 and 3, Pte. Bellchamber (1st M'x.) 25. (Class "D"): 1, Pte. C. Harvey (1st M'x.) 23 and 2, L/C. Wilson (1st M'x.) 23.

Camberley Competition:—(Class "A"): 1, Sgt. Wall (H.K.P.) 32 pts.; 2, L/Cpl. Allo (R.E.) 32; 3, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32 and 4, 2/Lt. Pemberton (R.E.) 31. **Consolation Prizes:** 1, Lt. Carey (H.K.R.N.V.R.) 31; 2, Mr. J. A. Guard (D.R.C.) 31; 3, Mne. Croft (R.M.) 30; 4, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) and 5, W. V. Whyte (D.R.C.) 30. (Class "B"): 1, Cpl. Charin Singh (H.K.P.) 32; 2, Cpl. Evans (R.A.O.C.) 32; 3, C. S. M. Bean (1st M'x.) 30 and 4, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 30.

Consolation Prizes: 1, Mr. A. F. Evans (R.A.F.) 30; 2, Cpl. Gash (R.M.) 30; 3, Sgt. Griffith (R.M.) 30; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.) 29 and 5, Lt. C. D. R. Grenham (H.K.R.N.V.R.) 29. (Class "C"): 1, L. A. C. Callaghan (R.A.F.) 30; 2, Pte. Johnston (2 R.S.) 29 and 3, L/Sgt. Henderson (2 R.S.) 28. **Consolation Prizes:** 1, Piper Stewart (2 R.S.) 28 and 2, Sgt. Hoe (H.K.P.R.) 27. (Class "D"): 1, L/Cpl. Lau (H.K.V.D.C.) 28 and 2, Pte. J. Clarke (1st M'x.) 27. **Consolation Prize:** 1, L/Cpl. Wilson (1st M'x.) 27.

Bagshot Competition:—(Class "A"): 1, Mne. Richardson (R.M.) 32 pts.; 2, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32; 3, R. Q. M. S. Hale (1st M'x.) 31 and 4, Sgt. Baker (1st M'x.) 30. **Consolation Prizes:** 1, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.) 30; 2, Sgt. Purn Singh (H.K.P.) 30; 3, Sgt. Wall (H.K.P.) 30 and 4, W. O. Tolhison (R.A.F.) 30. (Class "B"): 1, Cpl. Sher Singh (H.K.P.) 30; 2, Capt. Hyde (Manchester Regt.) 29; 3, Sgt. W. Gowans (H.K.P.) 28 and 4, Cpl. Chetan Singh (H.K.P.) 27. **Consolation Prizes:** 1, Mr. A. Evans (R.A.F.) 27; 2, Mr. A. Evans (R.A.F.) 27; 3, Mr. A. Evans (R.A.F.) 27; 4, Mr. A. Evans (R.A.F.) 27.

In First Division, Kowloon are at present five points ahead of their nearest rivals, the University, who have two matches in hand, and if they beat C.S.C.C. to-day they will retain the Shield. If, however, they should draw University will have the chance of a play-off, providing they win both their remaining matches.

In Second Division, Kowloon and Craigengower have the same number of points for the same number of games played, but the Valley club will meet stiff opposition in Recreo, who might easily spoil all their League prospects.

Kowloon have already defeated Recreo and when they meet C.C.C. should also win. They are favoured to beat Civil Service to-day. As even a draw between C.C.C. and Recreo will greatly jeopardise the former's championship hopes, it seems like a "double" for K.C.C. this season.

Below are listed to-day's matches and some of the teams:

FIRST DIVISION
University v. C.C.C.
K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
SECOND DIVISION
C.C.C. v. Recreo
C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.

FRIENDLIES
Police v. St. Joseph's
C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmerman, T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sing, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye.
C.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar, N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and Major W. W. Parsons.
C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson, K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, E. W. Pudney, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright and R. M. Wood.
University 1st XI:—N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Ride, C. N. Mathews, K. Y. Tam, W. S. Gegg, J. Tsui, K. S. Oh, J. C. Fenton, G. Hong Choy, N. Singh and S. Mahmood.

Police's XI:—C. Pope, T. R. Hunter, W. L. Clarke, H. Tyler, A. E. Carey, J. Shepherd, T. E. Hayward, H. Matches, A. Kirby, E. G. Post and G. White.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, E. Curjus, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Reserve: L. R. Burch.
C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, G. Ansley, V. C. Bond, J. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

Sgt. Clarke (H.K.P.) 27; 3, Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.) 26; 4, Cpl. Narayan Singh (H.K.P.) 26 and 5, Sgt. Ghulam Mohamed (H.K.P.) 26. (Class "C"): 1, Pte. Ward (1st M'x.) 28; 2, Pte. Johnston (2 R.S.) 27 and 3, Piper Stewart (2 R.S.) 26. **Consolation Prizes:** 1, L/Sgt. Henderson (2 R.S.) 26 and 2, A. S. P. Loie (H.K.P.R.) 24. (Class "D"): 1, L/Cpl. Lau (H.K.V.D.C.) 27 and 2, Cpl. Davis (1st M'x.) 23. **Consolation Prize:** 1, L/Cpl. Goddard (1st M'x.) 21.

First Stage Aggregate:—1, W. O. Tolhison (R.A.F.) and Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 92 points; 3, Sgt. Wall (H.K.P.) 91; 4, Cpl. Sher Singh (H.K.P.) 90; 5, R. Q. M. S. Hale (1st M'x.) 90; 6, Capt. Farrington (R.M.) 88; 7, Lieut. Carey (H.K.R.N.V.R.) 87; 8, Sgt. Baker (1st M'x.) 86 and 9, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) and Cpl. Gash (R.A.F.) 85.

Deliberate Competition (Result of Shoot Off):—1, Mne. Croft (R.M.) 2; 2, Sgt. Ghulam Mohamed (H.K.P.); 3, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.) and 4, C. S. M. Stanford (2 R.S.). **The Council Cup:**—1, Sgt. F. Cole (R.M.) 40 points; 2, Lt. G. Dawson (1st M'x.) 36; 3, Mr. Pang Shun (D.R.C.) 37 and 4, Lt.

WAR GIVES BOOST TO U.S. SKIING

With every major European skiing nation except Switzerland and Sweden at war or recovering from war, America appears destined to take over world skiing leadership, writes Don Sanders from New York.

The National Ski Association has announced it will adopt the English system of measurements instead of the metric terms. Roger Langley, president of the association, forecasts a boom in the quality of skiing.

European war has another beneficial effect on U. S. skiing. The army, aware of the value of trained ski troops such as the Finns used in their war against Russia, has undertaken a vast training programme.

Soldiers Trained At Lake Placid

In training at Lake Placid, N.Y., now is a group of picked infantrymen who in turn are to act as instructors for other ski troops.

First appearance of a South American ski team in the United States was scheduled for winter, when a Chilean team was to tour the country, engaging in an extensive downhill and slalom campaign.

The Pacific northwest will have the fullest tournament schedule on record. With major meets at Seattle, Sun Valley, Mount Hood, the newly-opened Paradise Valley, Ski Bowl and Mount Rainier.

The average week-end or winter vacation skier isn't being neglected either.

The world's longest and highest chair lift was recently opened at Mount Mansfield, Stevie, Vt. It's a mile and a quarter long, goes up 2030 feet. Other new lifts are at Pico Peak and Constam, Vt., and Winsed, Conn., and Franconia Notch, N. H. There are now more than 175 ski tows in New Hampshire alone. Maine makes a bid with new trails at Camden, Bridgeton and Megunticook.

Further south there are other new developments. The low at Summit Hotel, near Uniontown, Pa., has undergone extensive improvements, now reaches 750 feet.

'Planes Carry Skiers To Canada

Early snows get the season off to a good start in Utah, where Salt Lake City is the centre of winter sports. A new 50-guest lodge has been opened at Alta, which also has a new and longer tow. The Alpine Club is lengthening its lift.

The past few years have brought a big increase in the number of special ski trains out of centres like New York City, and this year Canadian Colonial Airways are offering special excursions from La Guardia Field to Vermont and the Laurentian north of Montreal. There's something about the sport which enables enthusiasts to travel more than 50 miles an hour on a pair of thin boards that seems to have gripped America.

China Fleet Challenge Cup:—1, Hong Kong Police (The Team:—Sgt. Russell, Sgt. Wall, Cpl. Sher Singh, Sgt. Gowans and Sgt. Purn Singh).

Governor To Attend

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will be present at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle Association to-morrow and will be the guest of the Association at luncheon. At 4 p.m., His Excellency will distribute the prizes to successful competitors.

Signals And Air Force Complete Fixtures

By "Referee"

THE FINAL of the Kotewall Charity Cup Competition, between Army and South China, will be played this afternoon at Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:—

To-day

KOTEWELL CUP FINAL

Army v. S. China
(Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION

Club v. Kowloon
(Club, at 4.45 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v. Kit Chee
(Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.)
R.A.S.C. v. Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, at 4.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v. 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.)
7th R.A. v. A.S.A.
(Caroline Hill, at 3.00 p.m.)
36th R.A. v. 20th R.A.
(Military, at 3.00 p.m.)
Shell v. R.A.F.
(Caroline Hill, at 4.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY CUP FINAL

Scotland v. England
(Boundary Road, at 3.30 p.m.)

South China only require a draw to win the competition as they have already beaten Royal Navy, while Army drew with Navy when they shared two goals recently.

It will be recalled that Army defeated a Combined Chinese team in the semi-final of the Lal Wah Cup Competition and are hopeful of acquiring at least one trophy this season.

They are making no changes in the defence which has served them so well on several occasions, but several new players have been introduced in the forward line.

Coomer will be seen on the right wing in place of Owens, while the left wing combination will consist of Saw and Marrable instead of Weir and Duffield.

South China will be handicapped by the absence of Chan Tak-fai, who dislocated his arm in the Governor's Cup game last Sunday, and Tsang Chung-wan, their full back, who is with the Eastern team in Manila.

Lee Kwok-wai will be seen in Tsang's position while Lee Tak-kee will take Chan Tak-fai's place in the attack. Chin Chi-fai will be seen on the right wing.

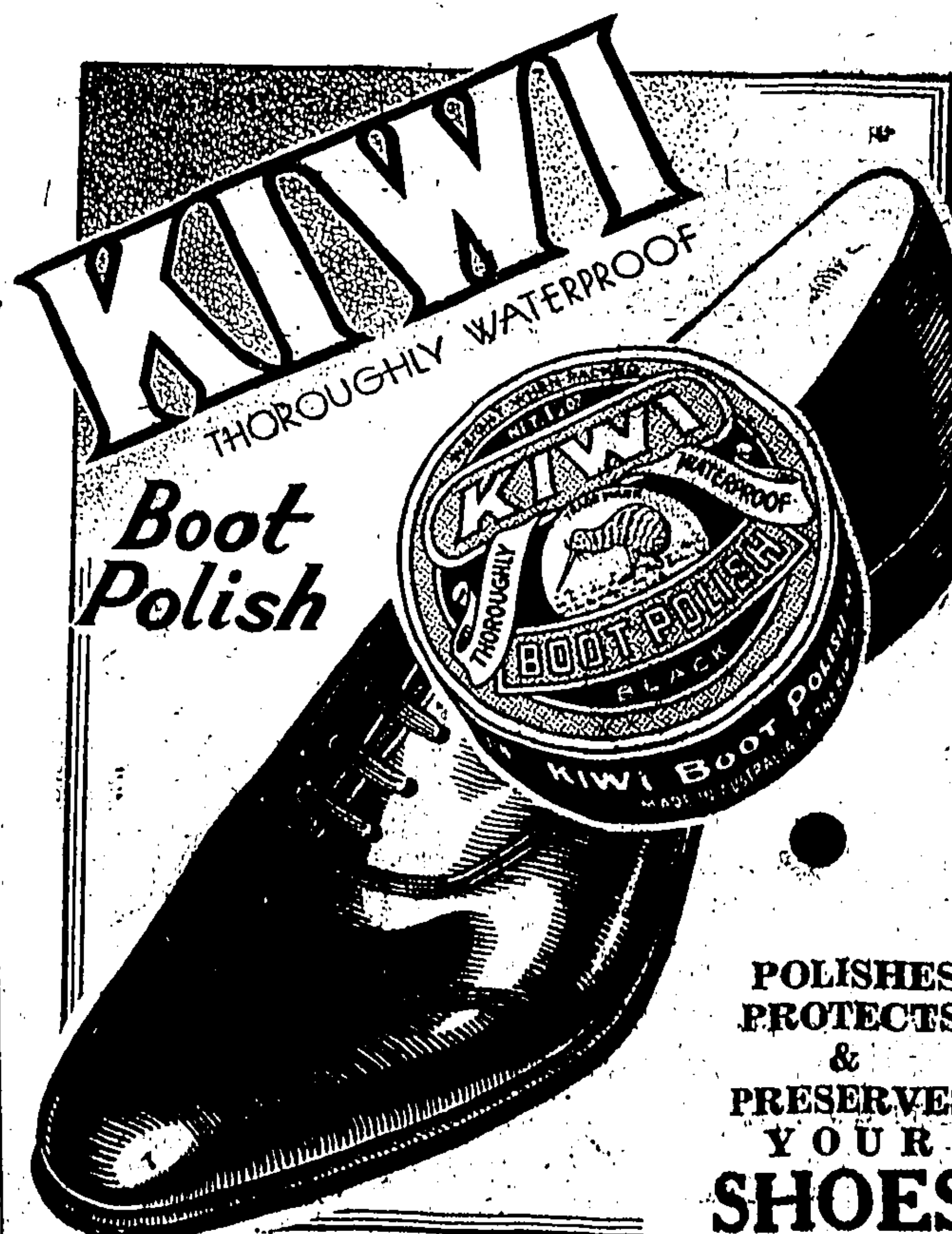
The only interest remaining in the League games is in the Third Division where Signals meet 35th R.A. and Air Force play the lowly placed Shell team.

Should Signals and Air Force win to-day a play-off for the title will be necessary. Air Force should win easily but 35th R.A. may give Signals a good game.

ARMY:—Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser (Capt.); Birrell, Bright and Freshwater; Coomer, Fox, Auld, Saw and Marrable.

Reserves:—Reynolds, Sheehan, Guy and Pelham.

SOUTH CHINA:—Tam Kwan-kon; Tse Kam-hung and Lee Kwok-wai; Lau Chung-sang, Lam Tak-po and Lau Hing-chung; Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tak-kee, Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Yau.



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